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Tourist info centre to close ORGANISATION WILL BECOME PART OF AXMINSTER HERITAGE

AXMINSTER Tourist Information Centre (TIC) members voted unanimously to dissolve the organisation and become part of Axminster Heritage.

The vote was taken during a special general meeting on February 22nd and chairman Joy Raymond told members that, although in credit, it had become obvious to committee members that a new direction was needed.

Ms Raymond said: "Our wonderful staff moved on to pastures new at the end of 2016 and the TIC, currently run by a small band of volunteers, deemed this to be the time to consider, most seriously, our future.

"It has proved increasingly difficult to maintain the funding needed for paid staff, some £15,000 per year is needed.

"Other organisations are simply not prepared to sponsor running costs, of which having paid staff is the main expense.

"We could continue running with volunteers here in the TIC office, but the committee has investigated the possibility of the heritage centre and deem this a sensible way forward to continue the longevity of an accessible visitor information centre in Axminster.

"The opening hours of the heritage centre are currently 10am to 4pm and it is envisaged this will be year-round."

The decision means that the current TIC premises in the Old Courthouse will be closed and that an information centre will open in the Axminster Heritage Centre entrance on April 3rd.

It will be manned by existing heritage centre

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volunteers and some current TIC volunteers. TIC treasurer Shane Morgan took the opportunity to explain why the beer festival (the

TIC's main fundraiser) has been cancelled.

He said: "We haven't got the resources and manpower to undertake it. We would have had to stop it four years ago if it hadn't been for the help provided by the Rotary Club of Axminster."

He also said that increased staging costs and health & safety regulations were other contributing factors.

Ms Raymond said: "We should all be glad we had some ten years of successful fundraising from the beer festival, and we must thank Shane Morgan for organising it every year, and we need to thank his loyal helpers.

"This has been no mean feat. Not only to organise, but to take responsibility for the safe running every year."

Later on she heaped more praise, saying: "Shane has been at the very heart of the TIC for the last 15 years, both as chamber of commerce chairman (twice) and as treasurer on the TIC committee.

"It is him we really must thank for still being in existence at all.

"Without his running of the beer festival we would have sunk without trace many years ago."

She also praised a number of people and organisations who provided pivotal support to the TIC over years, including staff, volunteers and landlords.

Axminster Heritage chairman of trustees, John Church, said: "We are delighted at the decision and the Axminster Heritage committee welcomes the move of the TIC to Thomas Whitty House.

"In the short term, for this season, we'll need to provide a temporary layout.

"However, we will now be looking at our final floor plan to build a new dedicated area for the information centre."

New bridal shop opens in town



■ INVITED guests gathered for the grand opening of a new business in Axminster. TL Bridal Boutique, in South Street, started trading on Saturday, February 25th, and held the grand opening reception that evening. The business is owned by Lorraine Faverty and her daughter Tessa Harris, both pictured with Axminster mayor Paul Hayward at the event

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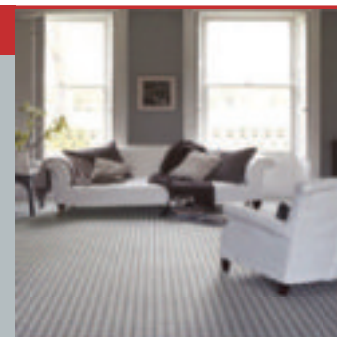
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Villages in Action tours to end

A LACK of money has forced Villages in Action (ViA) to end its rural touring scheme in Devon.

Trustees of the charity made the announcement on February 21st, saying they had regrettably decided to end the scheme.

ViA works with volunteer promoters to bring world-class performers and professionally-run arts workshops to rural areas.

A spokesperson said: "The season of ViA performances now taking place in Devon's villages will be the last under the existing system.

"Unfortunately, within the last five years, the organisation has lost in the region of 80 per cent of its funding and, while three local authorities have continued to support ViA (East Devon District Council, Teignbridge District Council and West Devon Borough Council), reserves are now depleted.

"In the light of this, after very careful consideration and consultation, the board of trustees felt that ViA would no longer be able to offer a viable and high quality programme to villages.

"Mindful of its obligation to protect and safeguard the interests of the charity and its responsibility to staff, performers and promoters, the board will cease the touring scheme while the charity still has the financial reserves to meet its commitments.

Board chairman Catherine Devenish (a volunteer promoter herself) said: "The board has thought long and hard about this decision.

"In the past year, we have had to ask villages to make a greater financial contribution to the cost of performers but this is not sustainable, especially when future funding is so uncertain.

"Nor does providing a limited programme to a few vil-

lages fulfil the remit of the organisation.

"Some villages already operate their events programme in tandem with ViA performances and we hope others may feel able to go it alone, using the experience and advice they have gained from ViA.

"We are very grateful to everyone who has supported ViA and we will be spending the next few months looking at how the ViA legacy can continue."

ViA has been funded by Arts Council England (ACE) and local authorities, but lost its ACE National Portfolio Organisation status in 2012, although it continued to receive ACE Grants for the arts until last March.

Further applications for funding through ACE and to charitable trusts have been unsuccessful and contributions from local authorities have reduced or ended.

Antiques stolen in Colyton break-in

ANTIQUES of a highly sentimental value were stolen during a burglary at a property in Gully-shoot, Colyton.

The break-in took place at some point from February 1st to 3rd, and Detective Constable Rob McMahon from Honiton CID said: "These items are of high sentimental value to the family they were taken from. They desperately hope to be reunited with the stolen property.

"We would like to hear from anyone who has any information that can help us with our investigations, we would like to also hear from anyone who has been offered these items for sale."

The property was unoccupied at the time of the break-in, and the following items were stolen: a William IV Castle Top Snuff box (2 7/8" long); a pair of large Victorian salt cellars (2 3/4" in diameter and 2 3/4" high) of circular tub form each standing on three paw feet with the terminals modelled as heads; a pair of George II or George III salt cellars of compressed circular form, each standing on three stepped feet with shell mounts; a pair of William IV tablespoons of hour glass and shell pattern; five George III dessert forks of a fiddle and shell pattern, having a large husk type shell, single struck; four teaspoons of fiddle pattern, worn; an unknown number (maximum eight) of Victorian teaspoons of fiddle pattern; an 18ct gold signet ring; an 18ct plain gold signet ring with engraved family crest; a pair of 15 or 18ct gold studs; three 15 or 18ct gold studs,



■ **SENTIMENTAL VALUE:** Police have issued images of what was taken

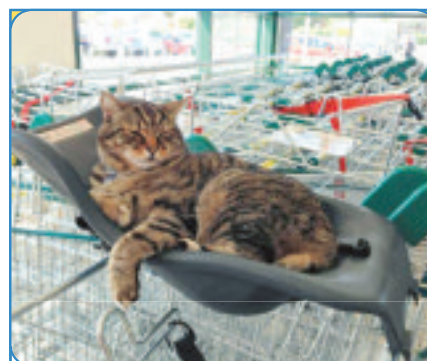
in original box; a pair of electroplated slip on single scrolling candlestick branches.

Anyone with any information can contact police via 101 or 101@dc.police.uk quoting crime reference number CR/8404/17.

You can also give information anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Three EDA candidates to stand in May

EAST Devon Alliance (EDA) is fielding a total of three candidates in May's Devon County Council election.

Martin Shaw (Seaton and Colyton ward), Paul Hayward (Axminster) and Paul Arnott (Sidmouth) were presented at a media call on February 22nd.

Mr Shaw is currently a member of Seaton Town Council, chairing its planning committee, and Mr Hayward is the chairman of

Axminster Town Council and town mayor.

Mr Arnott was on Colyton Parish Council but had to step down because of illness in 2012.

He has made a full recovery and has since had a spell as EDA chairman.

EDA is registered as a political party but sees itself as a movement and umbrella organisation for independents rather than a traditional political party.

It was formed in 2013 and fielded candidates for the first time during the 2015 East Devon District Council elections.

EDA currently holds seven seats on East Devon District Council.

An EDA spokesperson said: "Devon County Council is facing an unprecedented long-term loss of funding and jurisdiction."

"Once elected, independent EDA county councillors will use their

positions to campaign for fair funding for local services and ensure local democratic control – rather than allowing central government and corporations to increasingly privatise everything which affects our communities."

A full list and information about all candidates in Pulman's Country will appear nearer the time of the election.



■ CAMPAIGN: Back row – Paul Hayward and Martin Shaw; front row – Marianne Rixson (EDA chairman) and Paul Arnott

Coach trip to NHS demo in London

EAST Devon residents wanting to join the NHS demonstration in London on Saturday will have the chance to travel by coach, after the East Devon Alliance decided to organise one.

The rally is to protest against cuts, closures and the privatisation of the NHS.

Seats are now available on Saturday, March 4th, with a cost of £25 per person (return); there are special rates for students and others on low income.

Pick-up points for the bus will be from:

- 6.30am – Sidmouth, seafront by Bedford Hotel;
- 6.45am – Sidford, bus stop opposite Green Close, A375;
- 7am – Newton Poppleford, High Street bus stop by church, A3052;
- 7.15am – Ottery St Mary at the Parish Church;
- 7.30am – Honiton, Smileys cafe, A35 turn-off to A30.

The return journey will depart from London at around 5pm, arriving in East Devon at approximately 10pm-10.30pm.

To reserve a seat, e-mail coach@eastdevonalliance.org.uk

Healthcare workers and campaigners from across the whole country will attend the rally.

EDA want to make it clear that the coach is not restricted to EDA members and is for anybody who cares about the NHS.

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Window drama: 'Someone could have been killed'

AN AXMINSTER resident says someone could have been killed when a large window fell out of a neighbouring building into her garden.

Hilary Hight had an unpleasant surprise on the morning of Thursday, February 23rd.

Her cottage in Market Square backs onto the premises of The Old Chapel Antiques and Lifestyle Centre, and she said: "We were having coffee and bang it went."

"I'm just so glad there was no one in my garden at the time. Someone could have been killed."

Mrs Hight was having work carried out on her garden but workers had not arrived at the time of the incident, and added: "Lucky or what? I'm shocked."

She has contacted the neighbouring building's owner, and stressed she does not blame the antiques and lifestyle centre.

She said: "It is not the tenant's fault."

A spokesperson for the antiques and lifestyle centre said the owner had been informed, and added: "The building is in the process of being restored and the window was next in line."

"They had been round to measure it. It is unfortunate that the wind was so strong."

■ **CRASH SITE:** Hilary Hight surveys the damage

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Axminster man speaks at Parliament reception

AXMINSTER resident Rob Robinson gave a speech about his childhood when a charity promoted a campaign in London against the maltreatment of children.

WAVE Trust, of which Mr Robinson is an ambassador and group co-ordinator, held a 70/30 Campaign reception in Parliament.

The event, hosted by Lord Chris Fox, saw politicians and UK charity representatives meet with 70/30 grassroots campaigners from across the country.

The 70/30 campaign aims to reduce child maltreatment in the UK by at least 70 per cent by 2030 by tackling the root causes, such as parental substance abuse, domestic violence and maternal mental health problems.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg opened the evening by taking to the stage to show his support for WAVE's work and its 70/30 goal.

He told the audience: "WAVE has brought science and rigor and policy to something which intuitively everybody knows is true."

"Everybody intuitively knows, as parents, as individuals, as members of society that damage done in the earliest point in the life of any individual is damage which tends to manifest itself in evermore distressing ways later in life."

Axminster's very own 70/30 ambassador and group co-ordinator, Rob Robinson, announced the launch of the first Devon 70/30 group.

Rob also took the opportunity to share his own personal reasons for getting



■ **ROB Robinson and fellow Wave Trust ambassador Emily Traynor at The House of Lords**

involved with the campaign.

Mr Robinson shared a candid and inspiring account of his own childhood experiences of both abuse and neglect and highlighted the effect such experiences had on his life, both as a child and into adulthood.

He told the audience: "Knowing what I had to go through and witness as a child, it's shameful knowing in 2017 it's still happening."

"I will work with this campaign until child maltreatment is a thing of the past; it's time we stopped ignoring the problem and supported people in our communities early as opposed to after the abuse has happened. Every child is worth saving."

"This is not one community's problem, this is a UK wide problem and I call for people to become involved and MPs to back it - as my own MP Mr Neil Parish has - and work towards child abuse and maltreatment being a thing of the past."

"I grew up in London and spent a part of my child-

hood homeless and living on the streets, which was better than living at home."

"My home life as a child was built around the after effects of alcohol and it left the ethos at home toxic, my mother was/is a beautiful woman who stood by the honour of marriage and was beaten in the name of love."

"No child should see this and yet that's all I knew, the choices I made were not always the best but they were my choices."

"Luckily I travelled, studied and made sense of my world and made the decision that the issues as a child would not dictate my adult life."

Rob encourages anybody interested in finding out more to visit www.70-30.org.uk or email axminster@70-30.org.uk.

Alternatively, you can find out more about the 70/30 campaign by getting in touch with the 70/30 team at WAVE directly on 020 8688 3773.

Ray wins world indoor rowing title

INSPIRATIONAL Honiton resident Ray Lowrie has once again defied his disability, by picking up a world championship medal in indoor rowing.

The former Royal Marine had his left leg amputated following a training exercise incident nearly ten years ago but refused to let that stop him.

After winning gold and two silvers at the Invictus Games in London 2014 he walked away from the chance to compete in the Paralympic games in Rio wanting to spend more time with his family, wife Christine and boys Joshua and Harrison.

Over the 18 months that Ray stepped away from rowing he went from under 14 stone to just over 17 and says that after having difficulty wearing his prosthetic leg he started to train again, and after a couple of setbacks re-discovered his love of the sport.

Ray rowed for an hour a day during the Row2Recovery event in solidarity with the four members of the all amputee crew rowing across the Atlantic.

Ray continued to train and joined an online indoor rowing group called Fitness Matters and started virtual coaching with former Exeter Chiefs rugby captain and English indoor rowing champion Sam Blythe.

Ray said: "Sam is like the

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professor of indoor rowing training.

"He sets clear goals that are achievable but each week you're pushing your boundaries in small uncomfortable steps which over time brings out great results.

"I found myself getting closer and closer to my old personal bests and after about six months of training I felt I was ready to compete in an able bodied indoor rowing 5K race, however three weeks before the competition I sustained an injury to my right knee, dislocating the knee cap and knee joint, rupturing the anterior cruciate ligament, and tearing the meniscus whilst performing backflips at a trampoline park.

"I was showing off to my children and it seemed a good idea to do a back flip with a half twist, it didn't end well!"

Ray now had his good leg in a splint and walked using crutches and was in constant pain from the ruptured ACL, however, ever the competitor, instead of giving up, Ray decided to adapt his rowing technique, and competed while sitting still and rowing with his arms and back.

And at the Devon Indoor Rowing Competition, despite not winning, Ray came away from the competition feeling proud that he had persevered

despite his injury.

After a conversation with some friends from the Fitness Matters Group, Ray decided to compete in the C.R.A.S.H.B Indoor World Championships in Boston, Massachusetts.

So, Ray and his family travelled to America, during half-term ready to compete.

Ray said: "We arrived in Boston and went straight to the hotel to sleep and get ready for the race early the next morning.

"I had to arrive around 7am to register and then my race was just after 9am.

"Concept2 were streaming the races live on their website and I knew I had friends and family around the world watching my race and I felt I didn't want to let any of them down."

Ray was competing in the LTA Adaptive category against rowers who have functional use of their leg(s), trunk and arm(s) and can utilize the sliding seat.

Ray added: "I had planned this race for so long, I knew the pace I was needing and the strokes per minute to get my personal best.

"At halfway I still felt strong and looked up at the race position to see my name in fourth.

"This spurred me on and I pulled out all the stops in the second half of the race. As I crossed the finishing line I took one last look at my posi-

tion and saw I had finished in fourth but with a new personal best.

"I thrust my arms in the air as if I had won the race and had a massive smile across my face thinking I couldn't have done any better."

Little did Ray know that he had been checking the race positions on the overall day rather than his category and had in fact won his category.

"My feeling of joy for my new PB was overtaken by my feeling of joy that I'd just won gold at the world champs."

Ray collected his trophy, a large hammer, and his medal.

He said: "I haven't had a real answer as to why they hand out hammers.

"I think it has something to do with the founder of the indoor rowing championships who was considered to be a hammer by nickname."

Ray now plans to have surgery on his busted knee but says he will continue to compete in able bodied competitions throughout 2017.

"I will try to continue to spread my message that having a disability doesn't have to make you disabled, we might shock you with a win using only half our body, but I find this opens up people's understanding to para-athlete's and their drive to succeed in the face of adversity."



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Alan's ready for marathon

KEEN runner Alan Morbey has upped his training in preparation for London Marathon on April 23rd.

Mr Morbey, who lives in Shute, is a member of Axe Valley Runners (AVR) and a familiar face on the local running circuit.

He already has a handful of marathons under his belt but the London one is not only about recording a good time.

Mr Morbey hopes to raise as much money as possible for CLIC Sargent, having set himself a target of £2,500.

He said: "I have chosen to support CLIC Sargent, a small charity which supports children and young people having to cope with cancer.

"My inspiration to do this has come from one of my running club mates, Paul Johns, who recently succeeded in a double Iron Man challenge supporting them.

"I can't quite do that, but I think London Marathon is achievable for me, so this is my way of helping.

"I can do my little bit to help by running this silly distance.

"If you can help by sponsoring me along the way, that would be fantastic.

"Anything you can contribute would be really appreciated.

"Oh, and if I make my tar-



■ **LONG DISTANCE:** Mr Morbey is ready for the challenge

get, I promise to dye my hair pink for the great event."

His most recent marathon – in Edinburgh – saw him cross the finishing line in a time of about 3 hours 55 minutes.

He'd like to complete London in about 3.45, and said: "It would be nice to do that but there will probably be

too many people around to make it achievable."

He is currently doing about 30 miles a week in preparation, training with fellow AVR and London Marathon participant Margaret Pearce.

You can sponsor Mr Morbey online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alan-Morbey

Newly re-designed town council website goes live

AXMINSTER Town Council has launched a new website.

Apart from promoting the town, the new website aims to explain what the council does, who represents local people in council meetings, what the council is responsible for, what services it provides and where local council tax money gets spent.

Town mayor, Cllr Paul Hayward, said: "I am extremely happy that Axminster Town Council now has a modern, interactive website that brings us into the 21st century and allows our council to be more open and transparent, whilst

simultaneously providing more information, more detail promoting all that our town has to offer and encourages visitors and guests to come along and enjoy the famous and renowned Axminster hospitality.

"May I thank all those involved in the creation, editing and design of the new website, particularly our Deputy Town Clerk, Zishan Adamson-Drage, who has worked tirelessly to bring this project to fruition and who has quite rightly earned the title webmaster."

He urged everyone in the town to visit the new website,

saying: "Add it to your bookmarks and use it as much as possible to keep in touch with your council, and to let us know what you want us to do for you.

"It is brand new, so if you find a broken link, or an omission, please contact us through the mailbox and we will put it right straight away.

"It has been configured for Smartphone use, so please give it a go and, again, please let us know if something isn't perfect."

You can find the new site at www.axminstertowncouncil.gov.uk

Tickets for pizza and quiz night on sale

TICKETS for Light Up Axminster's first fundraising event – a pizza and quiz night at Le Pisani – are on sale at Archway Bookshop.

Organisers promise a fun-filled evening with exciting questions and delicious, handmade pizza on Monday, March 20th.

Doors open at 6.30pm and the quiz kicks off half an hour later. Tickets cost £10 each, with teams of four to six. The winning team will receive a hamper full of "fantastic prizes".

Light Up Axminster's publicity and social media manager Aaron Walker Purse said: "We would be extremely grateful if any of the local businesses are able to support our first fundraiser by donating a prize for the winning team's hamper.

"If you would like to donate a prize, please contact our chairman Cindy Furse at cindy.furse@me.com"

He also said that the new group, set up late last year, has been in discussion with The Festive Lighting Company, renowned for Christmas lighting displays across the country.

They are set to design new plans for Axminster's Christmas lights, and more will be revealed during the group's formal launch event on Thursday, March 9th in The Guildhall from 7pm onwards) to which everybody is welcome.

More information about the group is available at www.facebook.com/LightUpAxminster

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School clothes range for kids with sensitive skin

FRUSTRATION prompted a Kilminster family to start a company producing school uniforms for children with sensitive and eczema-prone skin.

Totally Cool Clothing MD Judy Micklethwait said the idea first came up a few years ago but it took a pep talk from her husband Michael last year to get her going.

Explaining how the enterprise came about, she said: "I am an eczema-mum with 14 years

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of experience in caring for a child with severe eczema.

"Over the years I have struggled to find quality clothing, especially school uniform, that did not aggravate our son's condition.

"That is why my husband and I have created Totally Cool Clothing."

Mrs Micklethwait, who has a background in the fashion industry and used to work for American Vogue in Paris, became increasingly frustrated with the lack of viable solutions for suffering children.

She said: "After years of being able to control our young son's daily environment, we not only lost this control when he started school, but also noticed a dramatic deterioration caused by his uniforms.

"Therapeutic undergarments helped, but they are delicate and require reconditioning.

"We also noticed that, as our son got older, he would dread gym class and declined a birthday sleepover because his friends would see his bandages under his pyjamas."

They involved a paediatric dermatologist and

experts in the UK textile industry and came up with "high quality fabric with the specially created BamSil® lining" and subsequently developed a range of discreetly and suitably lined clothing.

Mrs Micklethwait said: "We are passionate that complex health needs should not mean compromise on style and that people living with conditions that are potentially disfiguring need, more than most, to feel stylish and attractive in their clothing as well as looking similar to their peers."

Mrs Micklethwait added: "The dermatologist said above all the clothing should be soft.

"We feel we have created something softer than cashmere, that is not only much cheaper, but has done wonders for self-esteem."

■ **LESLEY Frankau, Hilary Kirkcaldie and Sandra Murray** were the three winners in Axminster Tourist Information's February 100 Club Draw.

A member of the local community is invited each month to conduct the draw, with Jamie Love (pictured) being asked to do the honours for February.



Launderette fire

POLICE have launched an investigation following a fire in a launderette in Axminster.

The incident took place in Whirly Wash Launderette in South Street, just before 10pm on Tuesday, February 14th.

Police issued a witness appeal on Thursday, February 23rd, and a spokesperson said: "It is believed that the suspects set fire to plastic dials and buttons on the washing machines in the launderette.

"Police would like to hear from any witnesses, and from anyone who was in the area leading up to the arson."

The fire and rescue service was not required to attend.

Anyone with information that could help police with enquiries is asked to call 101 or e-mail 101@dc.police.uk

The crime number is CR/011265/17.



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Lions present cheque to First Responders

SEATON and District Lions Club have donated £184 to buy an item of equipment for the Seaton First Responders Unit, operated by the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, **writes IAN BARRADALE.**

The money was used to buy a Single Patient

Pediatric Sensor which is used by the First Responders team to non-invasively measure oxygen saturation and pulse rate in people they are called out to attend to.

The Lions have offered to donate up to £500 to the Seaton First Responders team to buy essen-

tial equipment this year. The Seaton team is funded primarily by the South West Ambulance Trust with the remaining funds coming from the fire service.

They are obliged to attend an emergency call out in under eight minutes to qualify for this funding.

All of their call outs are category 'A' life threatening events.

In 2016 the Seaton First Responders team were called out 558 times and so far in 2017 they have attended 48 incidents.

Lions president, Jim Partidgr Hogbin, said that the Seaton and District Lions were pleased to help the Seaton team from money raised by the Lions' new and used book stall, which will be back in the Square in Seaton every other Friday starting on April 21st.

Sounds of the Med at the Gateway

THERE was Mediterranean sparkle at The Gateway when four-strong group Galliarda performed at a Seaton Music concert on February 17th, **writes PETER DAWSON.**

The preview promised "a memorable evening" under the heading of 'Mediterranean Temperament', and the programme did not disappoint.

The four players, all Baroque music enthusiasts - Sara Stowe (soprano), Ibrahim Aziz (viola da gamba), Matthew Spring (lute) and William Summers (flute) - fascinated the audience with a range of songs and dances from Spain, Italy and France.

Unfamiliar music to most ears, but also unfamiliar instruments.

As well as sparkling performances in solos, duos, trios and quartets, the audience were given interesting insights into the technique of playing the instruments, to the role of the theorbo (chitarone) in early opera, the story of the viola da gamba, the dif-

ference between the baroque flute and its modern successor.

Two familiar names appeared - Handel, with his only known Spanish song Cantata Spagnuola, and Henry Purcell, with a 'mad' song for the play Don Quixote - both dramatically performed by Sara Stowe, and brilliantly accompanied by the other instruments.

The music was interspersed with amusing readings of

notes by a contemporary traveller in Spain, the Rev'd Joseph Townsend, who evidently did not find all the music - or the Mediterranean lifestyle that he encountered - to his taste!

SeatonMusic's next concert is on Thursday, March 16th at 7.30 pm in The Gateway, when Syria's leading young pianist, Riyad Nicolas, will play works by Scarlatti, Beethoven and Syrian composer Al Succari.



■ MEDITERRANEAN FEEL: Galliarda



■ MEMBERS of the Seaton & District Lions Club presenting the cheque to the First Responders

Big Breakfast returns to sailing club

THE Beer Charity Group is hoping their annual Big Breakfast event at the end of the month will be another successful fundraiser.

In the past the event, which this year takes place at Beer Sailing Club on Friday, March 31st, has usually raised in ex-

cess of £1,000 for charitable causes.

This year the nominated charity is the Seaton Friends Hospicecare@Home provided by the Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends which provides expert nursing care to adults registered with a

Beer, Colyton or Seaton GP who wish to remain at home at the end of life.

Beer chef Grant Cueto, from the Bay View Tea Rooms, is in charge of the kitchen for the day and will be cooking up hearty breakfasts from 8.30am to 1pm.

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Wetlands up for award

SEATON Wetlands has played a major part in East Devon District Council's Countryside team, reaching the final of the Exeter Living Awards' Leisure and Tourism category.

The team manages ten nature reserves across East Devon, including the flagship site at Seaton Wetlands which offers nearly four kilometres of paths and boardwalks through marshland and reed beds alongside the River Axe.

The site is home to an abundance of wildlife, and is popular with bird watchers, walkers and families.

Throughout the year the Countryside team runs a range of exciting events to suit all ages, including outdoor yoga, guided bird watching sessions and adventure trails during school holidays.

Councillor Iain Chubb, EDDC's portfolio

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holder for the environment, said: "Making it to the finals of the Exeter Living Awards is a fantastic achievement for the Countryside team and demonstrates the benefits their work brings for tourism in Devon.

"The team manages sites such as Seaton Wetlands for the enjoyment of local residents, tourists and wildlife.

"The exciting events programme, accessible trails and warm welcome from staff or volunteers showcases the team's commitment to local wildlife and to providing an excellent visitor experience."

"I wish the Countryside team the best of luck in the awards process and congratulate them on being finalists in a highly competitive category."



■ **FINALISTS:** East Devon District Council's Countryside team

Beer poet to launch workshop

BEER poet and writer Sarah Acton is helping to launch a series of workshops at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis.

Sarah, who has published a collection of poems and short stories inspired by her time in Beer and walking the Jurassic coastline, is keen to assist and inspire other aspiring poets to develop their passion for the written word.

To facilitate that the theatre will be hosting the

Black Ven Poetry Workshops on a monthly basis with the aim of stimulating creative ideas and developing poetry on the page and stage.

The first workshop is planned for Monday, March 20th from 12noon to 2pm, with further sessions lined up for April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th and August 21st.

Sarah says she hopes the workshops will explore poetry, themes, composition, deep listening and re-

sponses to nature.

In addition there will be practical exercises delivered by theatre professionals to assist with performance and sharing your work, including microphone use, breathing and voice control.

To get more details and to book a place email blackvenpress@gmail.com or sarah@marinetheatre.com

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Former tourism chairman returns to role

CHRIS Murray has returned as chairman of the Devon Association of Tourist Attractions (DATA) after more than 12 years.

His election in November sees him return to a role that he is passionate about and he is determined to hit the grou-

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nd running, anticipating a busy year for Devon attractions.

Mr Murray said: "When attractions thrive, Devon thrives and when Devon thrives,

attractions thrive.

"As an organisation, we have to continually drive standards.

"We have world class attractions in Devon and it's an honour to once again be trusted to head up such a winning team."

He is very keen to promote the quality standards that member attractions must meet, with annual inspections, mystery shoppers and a long list of criteria to make sure that the standard is maintained.

Mr Murray, who lives near Buckfastleigh, said: "We want visitors to Devon and our local visitors to know that when they see the DATA quality assurance stamp, it can actually be trusted.

"The inspections are rigorous and even attractions that fly through inspections will be given honest feedback on how to improve."

His role, as well as being the DATA spokesperson is to engage with all the members on policies, planning and new initiatives.

DATA's marketing manager, Anne Blackham, said: "I am delighted to have Chris Murray at the helm, with his experience, passion and determination within the industry.

"We look forward to seeing the association being driven forward.

"I am really looking forward to working closely with Chris on promoting all that the Devon attractions have to offer and making sure all our visitors experience the quality they deserve."

The association is now in its 32nd year and has a total of 42 members.



■ CHRIS Murray has returned to his former role

Help to soften blow of payment reductions

MEASURES aimed at softening the impact of proposed changes to the amount Devon County Council pays community groups to compost will be recommended to Devon County Council's Cabinet.

A consultation held last year included proposals to reduce the discretionary community composting credit rate, the amount per tonne the authority pays to local community groups, from £58 to £25.

The proposed change, which would start from April 2017, aimed to bring the rate paid to the county's 25 voluntary composting groups broadly into line with the new contract rate offered by DCC's new contractor from the same date.

The proposed changes would have seen East Devon group Otter Rotters struggle to continue the valuable work they currently do.

The recycling group urged residents to get in touch with DCC to help try and save the Otter Rotters.

Now, following the consultation, Councillor Roger Croad, Devon County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, says that he wants the reductions to take place gradually over three years, instead of the one year that was originally proposed, to reduce the im-

pact. If agreed by cabinet, under the new proposals the rate would be set at £50 from April 2017 for the first year; by 2020 this will reduce to around £25.

Councillor Croad said: "In the current financial climate it is difficult to justify paying a higher rate to community groups than we would to our new contractor to manage the same waste.

"However I recognise the significant and valuable contribution many groups make to our local communities, and that's why I have concluded that bringing the rate down gradually over three years instead of one would give groups time to adjust and make any transition easier."

The results of the waste consultation will be discussed at Devon County Council's next Cabinet meeting on March 8th.

Mandy Jennings, director of Otter Rotters said: "We welcome Councillor Croad's recognition of the 'significant and valuable contribution' Devon's community composting groups make and look forward to working with the local authorities to recalibrate some of the red tape challenges that have caused such a significant depletion of our hard won achievements to date".

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- 1) The pet must have a permanent microchip implanted, which lots of animals already have.
- 2) The pet must be vaccinated against rabies after microchipping. This can be done any time over 12 weeks of age using a licensed vaccine. Boosters are given according to manufacturers' recommendation.
- 3) The pet must have a PETS passport signed by an official veterinary surgeon, confirming the above conditions have been met.
- 4) Some destinations require an additional export certificate. It is important to check with DEFRA for specific conditions requested by the country you wish to travel to.
- 5) There is a 21 day wait after rabies vaccination before travel abroad and/or entry into the UK is allowed. This is to allow time for the vaccine to take effect.

6) There is a requirement for a veterinary certified tapeworm treatment 24-120 hours before return to the UK. Travel companies and ports will often help you locate a veterinary surgeon for this.

If you are travelling to a country not listed on the PETS scheme, additional conditions must be met. This means starting this process at least 4-5 months before you expect to travel. A blood sample must be taken a minimum of 30 days after rabies vaccination. If the test is successful, a 3 month wait must be observed following the date of the blood sample before your pet would be allowed back into the UK. If the blood test does not prove adequate antibody levels, your pet would require a second vaccination and blood test. It is also important to contact DEFRA and check for any additional requirements of travel to specific countries.

We recommend making sure your pet is protected against ticks and sand-flies during their period of stay outside the UK as these can carry a variety of disease which we rarely encounter in this country.

It's also important to consider whether your pet enjoys travelling, changes in environment and temperature or whether they may prefer to stay at home. If you have any questions, please contact your vet. Above all, enjoy your holiday!

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School to remember former pupils who died in WWI

COLYTON Grammar School are producing a musical commemoration to mark the centenary since local men died in the First World War, including 11 former pupils.

The commemoration will be held on Saturday, April 1st in St Andrew's Church, Colyton, at 4pm, produced by the school's music department.

Explaining the story behind the musical production, a spokesperson for the school said: "It was bleak mid winter when the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) were faced with moving through knee high mud, and holes made by shells. The only way to find the outpost groups was to follow a white tape. All of this at a fortress village, behind the German lines. This

was the front line for World War One.

"Present was one of our alumni, Kenelm Zealley. He was an accomplished violin player, an architecture pupil as well as assisting in milling at Coles Mill, Colyton, who signed up to the war and took his first steps in battle.

"The Germans fought hard and advanced, captured a position held by the HAC. Recapture for the British was the priority on the 1st April 1917, Kenelm was part of the second battalion that bravely fought and lost due to well placed machine guns. He was one of 28 men killed."

The musical commemoration will have a focus on strings and the music of that era in memory of those who fought.

Refreshments will follow at 5pm. This will be

a free event with returning collection to the Soldiers Charity and Colyton Grammar School Fund. Free tickets can be booked by emailing EStyles@colytongrammar.devon.sch.uk

Colyton Grammar School would like to invite any family members of the 11 past pupils that died in the First World War and any others in the Axe Valley.

The late Colyton Grammar pupils were: George Anning (Colyton), Anthony Bartlett (Beer), Raymond Gimblett (Axminster, Charlie Gush (Beer), Lisle Loveridge (Kilmington/Colyton), Frederick Manley (Colyton), Harold Purse (Colyton), John Richards (Axmouth), Daniel Stenhouse (Nottinghamshire), John White (Shute) and Reginald White (Colyton).

Colyton sea cadet wins rowing award

YEAR 8 Colyton Grammar School student, Rupert Gaukroger, has been awarded the Bob Euden Memorial Rowing Award for his contribution to the Exmouth Sea Cadets' rowing team during the past 12 months.

Rupert led his team to second place in the district finals from the position of coxswain, the member who sits at the front of the boat and is responsible for steering and co-ordinating the other rowers.

The Bob Euden Memorial Rowing Award shield and certificate is presented to the cadet who has shown the most significant achievement and hard work that year.

Rupert, aged 13, from Colyton, said: "I really enjoyed competing and being the coxswain, and I am very proud of my award."

By student reporter Megan Thornberry



Charity friends turn out in 'force'

■ BLUE was the colour of the day when Axe Valley Friends of FORCE turned out in 'force' to raise money for the charity. They served hot drinks and cakes in Colyton Town Hall on Saturday, February 25th as part of a combined coffee morning and table-top sale. The amount raised will be announced in due course.

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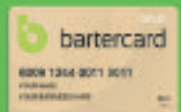
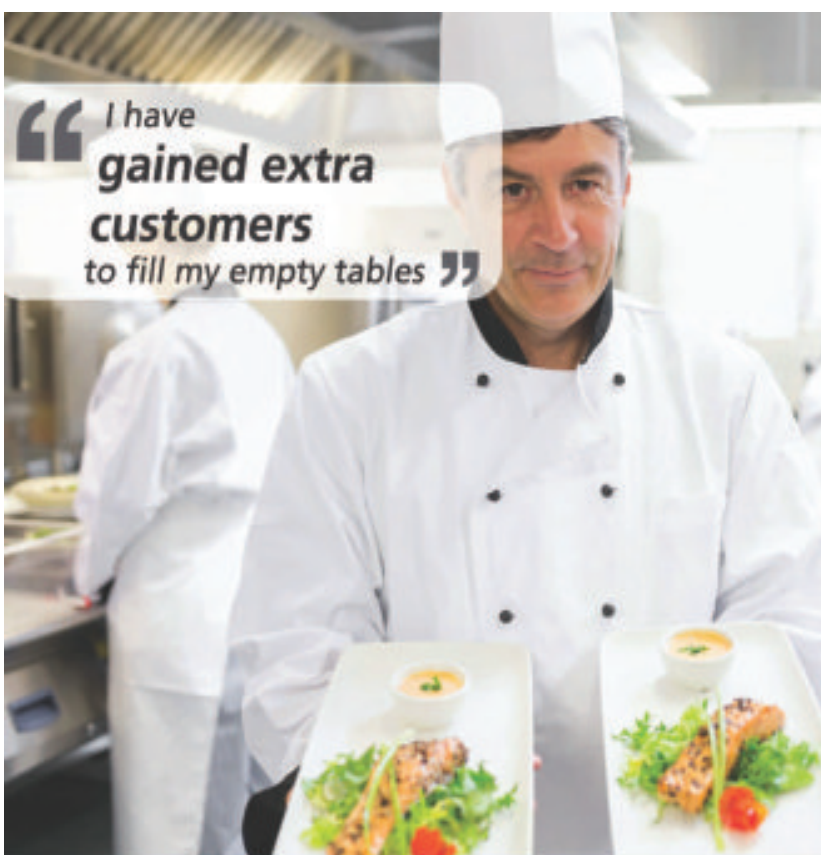
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Piano and organ recital

■ AXMINSTER AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY: A large audience turned up at the Minster for the recital given by the society's president, Andrew Millington, and Devon-based organist David Davies.

Performing in turn or as a duet and equally at home on either instrument Andrew and David displayed dexterity and virtuosity to charm and enthuse the 130 or so listeners.

From the light 16th century danserie to the sonata for two pianos by Mozart there was spontaneous applause. Gershwin's *Summertime* and *I Got Rhythm* were particu-

larly well received and all joined in during the final item, Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance* march. There was a standing ovation.

Members and visitors enjoyed afternoon tea as guests of the society.

The next event is the

Spring Concert on Saturday, April 29th when the 80-strong choir will sing Rutter's well-known *Gloria* and the less well-known but inspiring and exciting *Mass Opus 130* by Joseph Jongen. Tickets will be available from Archway Bookshop and



Art societies host demonstrations

■ HONITON ART SOCIETY: Members were treated to watercolour mastery when prominent watercolourist, David Norman (right), demonstrated the painting of an Italian street scene.

Before starting to paint, David gave his audience a few general tips but, in his demonstration, he was more concerned with showing different watercolour techniques than producing a finished painting at the end of the afternoon.

David was thanked by chairman Barrie Raby for an enjoyable and informative afternoon.

The next meeting of the society will be on Monday, March 13th at Awliscombe Village Hall, from 2pm to 4pm when there will be a critique of members' work by local artist, Phil Creek. New members and visitors very welcome (£4).



■ AXMINSTER ART SOCIETY: Roger Clemens (left) brought enormous enthusiasm to his life-drawing demonstration, inviting us to "come along and have a go," so at teatime there was a stampede to sign up for his workshop on March 4th.

Surrounded by a display of his large, bold, life paintings, he kept us both enthralled and entertained and we look forward to his workshop.

Our next meeting will be on March 15th at 2.30pm in The United Reformed Church Hall on Chard Street, Axminster, when Roy Lang will demonstrate painting seascapes in oils.

More information about this and Roger's workshop at axminsterartsociety.com

Street art explained

■ HONITON DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY: At the February meeting, Doug Gillen, an enthusiastic young lecturer from London, gave a stimulating and lively presentation of the Street Art Scene in the UK and abroad.

Doug is closely involved in documenting the street art scene and knows many of the artists personally.

He spoke about the early origins of the movement from graffiti in public places to the development of sophisticated murals, and the use of apps to create moving images from the paintings on walls.

Some artists, like Banksy, have made millions from their art while others had ended up in jail for defacing public property. The devel-

oping Street Art Scene in Plymouth was mentioned as was the "Top Shop" mural in Exeter high street painted by Portuguese street artist Alexandre Farto who uses the tag Vhils. Questions included the possibility of bringing more street art to Honiton.

The next DFAS meeting is on "Healing Stitches -Therapeutic handicrafts at times of conflict" and shows how shell shocked soldiers in the



First World War were rehabilitated by getting them involved in art work, one of the origins of occupational therapy. It will be held at the Beehive on Tuesday, March 14th 2pm. Visitors and guest welcome (£6 on the door).

Talks on vet work, local ghosts, the coastline and more

■ **AXMINSTER PHOENIX LADIES:** Michael Shaw was guest speaker at the February meeting. One of the vets at Combefield, until his retirement, it was good to see him again and enjoy his humorous talk on *James Herriot in the 21st Century*.

A coach is booked for July 12th's trip to Bournemouth at £15 per person, including tip. The outing is open to non-members and posters will be displayed in the post office and the TIC shortly

with contact number for bookings.

Next month's speaker will be from the Macular Society on Wednesday, March 8th at 2.30pm in the Senior Citizens Centre. Visitors always welcome.

■ **HONITON U3A:** Local historian Sarah Obermuller-Bennet was welcomed at the February meeting.

Suitably attired in Elizabethan costume, Sarah acted as guide to ten of her favourites 'haunts', starting at Berry Pomeroy Castle with the ghost of Lady

Margaret Pomeroy. The journey continued through other haunts before turning local to Honiton, with the story surrounding Shute Barton where, during the Civil War, a Royalist lady of the de la Pole family was murdered by Parliamentarians: her ghost is still said to walk in 'Lady's Wood'.

Members were reminded that March 16th is the AGM.

■ **SEATON PROBUS** club members were treated to an extremely interesting presentation by Exeter 'redcoat guide' Tony Burgess, entitled *The Jurassic Coast*.

He detailed most of the highlights occurring on the 95 miles of its length from Exmouth to Old Harry Rocks.

For more information contact Steve Lord on 01297 21872 or visit www.seatonprobus.co.uk

■ **SEATON WINDSOR FELLOWSHIP:** Last week Mr G Knapman from the Co-operative Insurance Society gave a very helpful talk on taxes, inheritance matters and covering future costs for Care Home needs. This week Charles Lanning from Bonhams Auctioneers in Exeter brought a number of small items to show and explained why some of them carried quite large values. Members look forward to next week's *A Musical Afternoon* with Mr R Grosse.

■ **THORNCOMBE RAIL ACTIVITIES CLUB:** At the February meeting, Philip Bisatt took members on a rail tour of Ireland in the 1990s, when most passenger trains were still hauled by diesel locomotives and there was still much freight traffic by rail.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 15th when Nick Thompson will talk about the restoration of the West County loco Sidmouth, plus some historic film of steam on local branch lines.

Volunteer clears old station site

SEATON JUNCTION: A local railway enthusiast has cleared the front and back of the dilapidated former Seaton Junction site of rubbish and vegetation.

Ian Moorcrafts put in voluntary shifts to tidy up the site. He was so concerned about the state of the site that he traced its Bedfordshire-based owner to ask for permission to get to work.

Mr Moorcrafts, from Colyton, said: "I have a passion for the station and its history, and I've always had a thing for railways.

"It is a shame it is in the state it is."

His mum Joan and his friend Ricky Heiman have helped out, and Mr Moorcrafts is very grateful to Bradfords for lending him a bush cutter.

All three held a work party on Saturday, February 11th, and Mr Moorcrafts said: "It was surprising how many people stopped to ask what was happening."

Planning permission to convert the station house into two dwellings was given in 2010, but has not been acted on.



■ **MAJOR TASK:** Joan Lancaster, Ian Moorcrafts and Duncan Whittham of Bradfords

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AXE RIVER: The February meeting took place on the evening of Tuesday 21st at the Methodist Church Rooms, Chard Road, Axminster, when the President welcomed members, guests, and the speaker Mr Tony Burgess.

Tony's subject was *The Jurassic Coast and its Hinterland*. His interesting and humorous talk was accompanied by wonderful slides of the coastline from Budleigh Salterton to Poole Harbour. Listeners discovered hidden grottos at the Donkey Sanctuary and a deserted village in Dorset, as well as learning about rock formations and the history of the crumbling coastline.

After the talk the vote of thanks was given by Elena Evans, and members enjoyed refreshments provided by Sue Gay and Liz Purvey.

Future events include March's Nosh & Natter meal at the Hunters Lodge, a sausage-making evening in April at Complete Meats, and the Devon Spring Meeting at Torquay.

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The next meeting is on March 21st at 7.30pm when Penny Blower will show how to *Keep Up to Date with the Clever Use of Accessories*.

As usual, all visitors welcome.

SEATON: Two visitors were welcomed at the meeting on Tuesday, February 21st. Guest speaker, Mr Bob Mercer, entertained the group with anecdotes of his life as a vet and brought a collection of items to illustrate various aspects of his work.

Members were asked to give their names for the Spring Council meeting at The Riviera Centre, Torquay, on April 12th to Secretary Margaret Nicholas.

Competition results – Flower of the Month: 1st Val Laughton, 2nd Danusia White, 3rd Sheila Rumble. General (ceramic animal): 1st Virginia Boud, 2nd Sheila Rumble, 3rd Christine Palacio.

The next meeting will be a painting demonstration by a local artist on March 21st, 2.15pm at Seaton Methodist Church Small Hall.

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MP uninformed on 'killer' air pollution

Response to 'Arada Stoves to team up with MP', page 4, View From Axminster, January 31st

■ NEIL Parish's uninformed, patronising approach to air pollution is very revealing.

Does he really think that using taxpayers' money to incentivise landowners – like himself – to grow 'crops' of firewood will reduce air pollution, especially when domestic woodsmoke is the main contributor and already responsible for 79 per cent?

When we try to educate about air pollution we spend time backing up everything we say with research but Mr Parish MP and Mr Brettell of Arada come along with a scheme full of non-statistics and meaningless percentages.

They tell us this scheme will be welcomed. Not so – and this is why:

Never once do Brettell or Parish tell us these 'eco'-stoves are 'safe' – they use phrases like "in reality, stoves are already a relatively low source of emissions".

Domestic woodsmoke is responsible for 79 per cent of the UK's deadly PM2.5 air pollution. It is staggering to think that Mr Neil Parish, the Chairman of the DEFRA Select Committee, does not know this.

He should read the DEFRA report carefully before he embarrasses himself as the keynote speaker at the Houses of Parliament on February 28th. He will be foolishly promoting the leading cause of our bad air quality.

Woodsmoke produces more PM2.5s than all the UK's cars, buses, trucks, agricultural and commercial activity put together. Mr Parish should be promoting a ban on all solid fuel burning to reduce the 40,000 deaths per year that are directly attributable to domestic wood burning.

Mr Parish, on the other hand feels he can say and do whatever he sees fit without the inconvenience of telling the British taxpayer the truth.

As the public become more knowledgeable about air pollution the wood stove industry is clearly trying to fight back, forming 'alliances' – a word that conjures up a war – not a Society, not an Association, but an Alliance... the Stove Industry Alliance will be working

hard to find gullible MPs who do not bother to do their research: Mr Parish is one of them.

Financial greed has always been man's greatest motivator and wood stove manufacturers are in business to make money not save lives.

If our MPs spent half an hour checking their facts instead of falling for the flattery of manufacturers of dangerous appliances then Mr Neil Parish would have discovered the truth for himself. Unfortunately for the unsuspecting public he obviously knows very little about air pollution or the real-life emissions created by all wood stoves. Lab tests are known to grossly underestimate the real-use particulate emissions. Mr Parish fails to inform us that there is *no safe limit* to PM2.5 exposure. Where do we find these fools – and why are there so many of them in government?

Air pollution is a silent killer – don't be fooled by claims from manufacturers – there is no such thing as an eco-stove, it is just 'spin' and marketing. Make no mistake, PM2.5 emissions cause permanent lung damage and will eventually kill you – again, there is no safe level. Children and older adults are especially vulnerable.

KAREN BAINES,
by email

Fake News

■ WHY does Donald Trump accuse

The media of faking news?

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Enough falsehoods and poisoned views

That honesty itself's confused.

DEREK STURCH,
Honiton

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Free trip for D Day vets

■ I AM Head of Travel for the travel arm of the Royal British Legion, Remembrance Travel, and I'm currently on a mission to find every single surviving D Day veteran. The Treasury is enabling a series of free-of-charge tours for D Day veterans to return to Normandy and pay their respects to their fallen comrades. The tours are being funded by the Treasury from LIBOR fines, and will enable a D Day veteran to return with a family member and carer on a six-night tour.

The 2017 tours will take place in March, April, May and September and will give Normandy veterans – now mostly in their nineties – the chance to revisit the Normandy beaches, cemeteries and memorials. The tours will be accompanied by a medic and a guide from the Royal British Legion. The tours will depart from London and will include Eurotunnel from Dover to Calais, accommodation, visits to Pegasus Bridge, Juno, Sword, Gold beaches, Arromanches, and war memorials, plus visits to personally specified cemeteries too.

Sadly, there is no database of D Day veterans so we're calling on the goodwill of the media and general public to spread the word. So, if you do know a D Day veteran, please do let them know about our free tours.

Normandy veterans wishing to benefit from this tour need to apply to our tour operator, Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit www.arenatravel.com/journeys/ofremembrance.

NICHOLA ROWLANDS,
Remembrance Travel, London

Wasteful legal action

■ THE long-drawn-out legal action between Honiton Town Council/EDDC and Cllr John Taylor appears to have reached a resolution. Given that so much time and (taxpayers') money has been spent on it, I am very surprised that our local press have not mentioned this. The judgement by Mr Justice Edis was given on January 31st. The full text can be accessed from the front page of the town council website; it is a lengthy and complex document but the summary of Judge Edis's conclusions can be seen at article 27, together with his final judgement. These are well worth reading.

I am saddened that council money has had to, and may well continue to, be wasted on a legal action so essentially unproductive. As Judge Edis says: "the subsequent offers to pay costs on 19th and 29th March should have been accepted [ie by Cllr Taylor]. The claimant [Cllr Taylor] has achieved nothing of value since then."

The Town Council, I understand, is delaying any statement until after its next meeting in March. I hope that at that point we will begin to see an end to this dismal affair. However, given that Cllr Taylor is sponsoring or co-sponsoring three of the four candidates for the St Paul's ward vacancy (election on March 9th), I doubt it.

MRS MARJORIE-ANNE HOWE,
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2ND ANNUAL MAYOR'S BALL | RAISING MONEY TO PROVIDE HONITON WITH DEFIBRILLATORS

THE second annual Honiton Mayor's Ball is set to take place in April and promises to be a fun filled evening.

The Mayor's Ball was started last year by Councillor Caroline Kolek and she hopes it will become something that futures mayors will continue to raise money for their chosen charity.

Last year, Cllr Kolek raised nearly £3,000 to go towards the refurbishment of the Relatives' Room at Honiton Hospital. A room where the family of patients can stay while their loved ones receive treatment or over night care.

In 2017, Cllr Kolek is raising money to install a defibrillator in the town as part of her plan, that her tenure as mayor will have a lasting impact on Honiton.

A defibrillator would cost around £1,800 and Cllr Kolek said it would

be her dream to raise enough money for two of the life saving equipment along High Street.

The second Mayoral Ball will have a 50s theme will take place on April 7th. Tickets are £42 and includes a glass of Prosecco or elderflower on arrival and a three course meal, including tea or coffee afterwards. Vegan options are available also.

Following dinner there will be a raffle, a charity auction with plenty of bumper prizes, a casino and plenty of dancing with a fifties style band.

Tickets are available from the town council on 01404 42957.

Justin Sharples, of the South West Ambulance Service, who will help provide the defibrillator and has backed the installation said: "More than Over 3,600 people are resuscitated by ambulance staff every year in the South West. If more public

places have defibrillators their chance of survival would increase. South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust is committed to supporting community initiatives and improving cardiac arrest survival rates. Administering early CPR when someone is in cardiac arrest, along with access to a defibrillator really can make the difference between life and death."



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The successful event hosted 133 guests who enjoyed a four-course meal with live music and a casino.

The Mayoral Ball was also attended by a number of Honiton Town Councillors (left), the Mayor of Chard Cllr Dave Bulmer, MP Neil Parish and his wife Sue and Honiton residents and organisations looking to support the fundraising.

◀ (L-R) Cllr David Perkins, Cllr Shelia Edwards, Ex-Councillor Clare Melbourne, Mayor Cllr Caroline Kolek, Cllr Ashley Alder (now Delasalle), Cllr Henry Brown and Cllr Graham Smith.

▼ Cllr Henry Brown and Chair of Honiton Dementia Action Alliance, Heather Penwarden enjoy a game of roulette at the casino.

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THE Foot Friendly Clinic is based in Miltons Yard, a small shopping area behind the Barclays bank in West Street, Axminster. Mary McPadden worked as a registered nurse (RGN) in the NHS for many years, before training as a Chiropodist/Podiatrist. Mary is registered with The Health and Care Professions Council (the government body which regulates health care professionals in the UK) and has been practising in the local area since 2001.

Mary specializes in the management and treatment of foot disorders and offers simple orthotics at reasonable prices as well as a range of footcare products. The aim of The Foot Friendly Clinic is to make clients comfortable and at ease whilst finding efficient solutions to their problems. Mary also visits care homes and works in the local community. If you would like to make an appointment please call into Unit 3 at Miltons Yard or phone 01297 625515 or 07946213310. The clinic is very accessible for customers with mobility problems.



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Tickets can be bought from the Centre directly or reserved by calling 01297 32331.

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Val treats most physical and emotional health problems, such as back pain and sciatica, sports injuries, IBS, insomnia, headaches and migraines. She has undertaken additional training to treat addictions such as smoking and weight loss, fertility and IVF support, pregnancy management and childbirth, Facial Revitalisation Acupuncture (FRA) and women's health issues.

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What is Bodywork & how can it help you?

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Mindfulness Drop-in

This is an informal class at Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre from 7:30pm – 9pm on Monday 13th March and on Monday 10th April 2017. Find out more about what is involved and make sure it's right for you. Contact Kath Woods: 01404 831605 or email: kath.woods2012@gmail.com

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Wishing Well social group is for people affected by cancer

The group meets on a Thursday from 2:30pm – 4:30pm. New members are very welcome as are new speakers and workshop leaders. Forthcoming talks, which are open to all: 2nd March - Duncan's Unctions (a fascinating talk about 'why' and 'how' the Unctions were created), 16th March - Mindfulness Taster and 23rd March - prostate cancer awareness, 6th April - card making and 13th April - Nutrition

If you have a skill or interest you would like to share please do get in touch. The group have enjoyed art and craft workshops, story writing workshops and painting and are interested to try new activities. Please call 01297 32331 and ask to speak with the Centre Manager.

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Life isn't perfect, relationships are rarely perfect, but living with on-going disappointments, unmet expectations, anger, resentments and unhappiness is an exhausting way to live and takes its toll on mental, physical and emotional health - for the couple, children and families.

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MICHELLE HAGUE
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www.acupuncture.org.uk is The British Acupuncture Council's website. This has information with research to give you an informed choice on many medical conditions.

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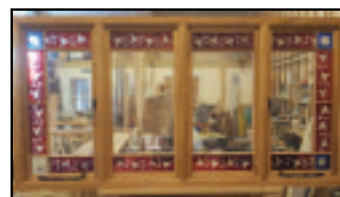
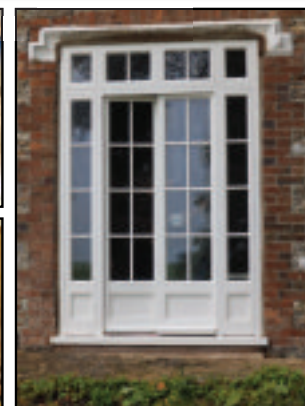
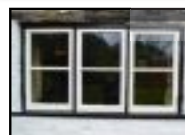
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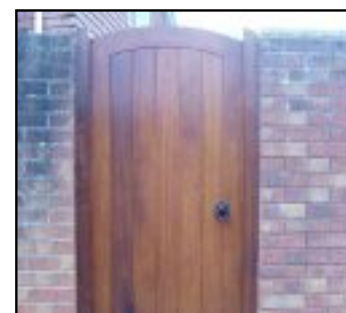
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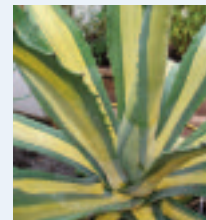
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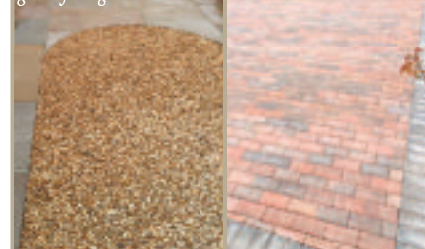
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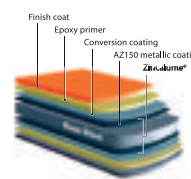
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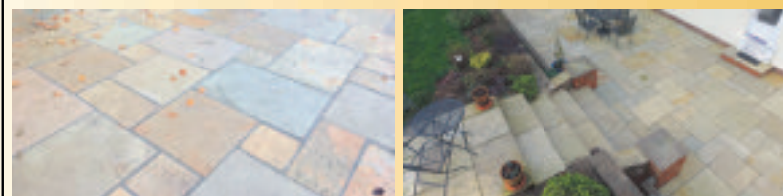
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Reg
Meuross
to play Colyton
church fundraiser

REG MEUROSS will be performing in St Andrew's Church, Colyton as part of the Friends of St Andrew's Church fundraising programme to help support the fabric this beautiful church.

Reg is a true modern troubadour, representing contemporary English folk writing at its best. He will preview songs from his new album, *Faraway People* (to be released in the Spring) which comments bravely on life as he sees it, bringing wide ranging stories, from the ravages of austerity to some of the most beautifully disarming love songs ever written, as well as performing a selection of old favourites.

The concert on Saturday, March 18th starts at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 6.45pm. Tickets available on the door or in advance from The Little Shop, Market Square, Colyton (01297 5552057) Prices £12, FoStA members £10, under 18s - £5. To include refreshments.

Axminster Guildhall
Friday 10th March 7.30pm

The New Jersey Boys 'Oh What A Night'

The music of Frankie Valli and the
Four Seasons plus a tribute to
Showaddywaddy

Following their amazing run of sell out shows across the UK, The New Jersey Boys make a welcome return to Axminster with their packed 2 set show 'Oh What A Night'. Expect to hear all the hits such as *Sherry*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Walk Like A Man* and many more.

This years high energy programme, featuring the amazing falsetto voice of Einar Vestman, includes a tribute to another great rock 'n roll band, Showaddywaddy. So don't be surprised if you find yourself singing and dancing.

Ticket: Unreserved from Archway Bookshop
Axminster 01297 33595.

Online: www.wegotickets.com
Also TICs at Taunton, Wellington and Bridport



Advertiser's Announcement

First of four Sunday talks on the Bible and Politics

THE first of our four Sunday afternoon Bible talks in March is about the Bible and Politics. The Scriptures have some startling things to say about national politics. They reveal that, from the earliest times, God has been interested in the nations of the world and how they are organised. This is hardly surprising since it was he who has formed them.

The Apostle Paul speaking in Athens around 20 years after the time of Jesus, made this clear when he said "...God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live". (Acts 17:26)

He goes on to give the reason why God should have been so interested as to do this. He says. "So that they would search for God and perhaps find him: though indeed he is not far from each one of us".

Then Paul reveals where our world is heading. God has set a day when the world will be ruled with true justice "by the man he has appointed and has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead".

The Bible Still the book for today

"All things are possible to
those who believe".

(Jesus - Mark 9:23)

Theme for Sunday public talks in March 2017, God willing

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A friendly welcome to all

Alison Neil's latest solo show 'Mrs Beeton, My Sister', visits Shute

DID YOU know Mrs Beeton had a sister?

In fact she was one of 21 children and step children! You can learn more about the life and times of this remarkable lady in a one woman show by accomplished actress Alison Neil.

Alison also has a background in historical research and has

combined her talents to bring to life the stories of some fascinating women from the past, including her excellent show about 'Mary Anning, the Fossil Lady of Lyme Regis', which came to both Yeacombe and Axmouth last year.

With the help of Shute Theatre and Arts Guild's (STAG) help,

Alison will perform 'Mrs Beeton, my sister' in Shute Church at 3pm on Sunday, March 19th, and the 'Friends' are planning teatime treats to follow.

Tickets are selling now on the STAG website and will be available from the Archway Bookshop, Hurfords Kilminster and Dalwood Shop from February 13th.



■ Alison Neil as Mrs Beeton

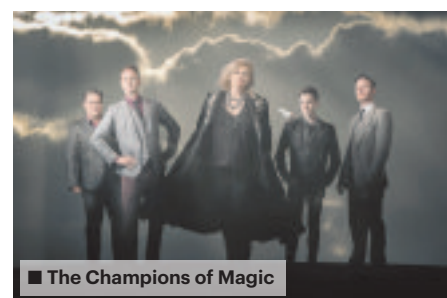
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Due to popular demand, there will be two shows at Yeovil's Octagon Theatre on Saturday, March 18th, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are £24.50 adults, £22.50 concs, and £14.50 children. For more details or to book visit www.octagon-theatre.co.uk or call 01935 422884.



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Diary Dates

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28th

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). At the United Reformed Church, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@half.org.uk.
COLYFORD: Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.
CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.
CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2-4pm.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com
COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café St John Hall, King Street 2pm to 4pm
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)
SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details.

COLYFORD: Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Speaker will be talking about Herbal Medicine in Your Garden. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.
KILMINGTON: "I Daniel Blake (15)" 2017 BAFTA Winner Outstanding British Film, showing at Kilmington Village Hall. Doors and bar open (wine & soft drinks) at 6.45 Film starting 7.15pm. For more details or advance booking see the village web site Kilmingtonvillage.com/movola.html or phone 01297 323335. Tickets £5 booked in advance or £5.50 on the door.
CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre - £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY MARCH 2nd

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.
CHARD: Chard Camera Club AGM at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street.
CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members
CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.
CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

FRIDAY MARCH 3rd

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.
SOUTH PETHERTON: Chocolate Making Course 2.00 - 5.30pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. 01460 242775, www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk
CREWKERNE: Women's Methodist Day of Prayer, 2pm at Crewkerne Methodist Church, South Street.
AXMINSTER: Whist Drive in the Bradshaw Room, Heritage Centre, Silver Street. 7.30pm. Cost £3, to include tea, biscuits.

SATURDAY MARCH 4th

SEATON: Jumble Sale in aid of the Seaton and Axmouth branch of Cancer Research UK to be held at Seaton Town Hall on Saturday 4th March. Doors open at 10.00. Entrance 30p children under 14 free Teas, coffees, cakes, raffle and all of the usual tables. For more details call 01297 23217.
SOUTH PETHERTON: Indian Supper Club from 6.30pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. For more information

Josie Long's for Something Better

FOLLOWING the international sell-out success of her previous show 'Cara Josephine' across the UK, Eu-



■ Josie Long

rope, in Australia and New York, the star of BBC Radio 4's Romance and Adventure. All of the Planet's Wonders and presenter of Short Cuts tours her eighth solo stand-up show nationwide in 2017.

Josie's 34. She thought by now that she would have children, and be in love, and have a country that didn't vote with the far right parties to march us all off a cliff. And that she would be able to do all the awesome stuff that activists do. She thought we would have won by now. Oh, and she wanted to be taller and better looking.

This is a show about optimism and hopefulness, about looking for people and finding things to look up to. It's about wanting more from life than it might

be up for giving out. It's about struggling with realising what you are, who you are and what you can't change about yourself, and about really feeling like an outsider for the first time. It's a bit about having faith in younger people, and friendship, and activism, and solidarity. Actually, she's been busy interviewing activists about what they do and why, so it's also about politics and making things happen. And there's probably a bit where she pretends to be a push-button shower, so it should be silly and fun too, with a few exciting bits in it.

Josie Long brings 'Something Better' to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 1st at 8pm. Tickets are £15 (full) and £13 (concessions). For more details and to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

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■ Mad Dog Mcrea

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MUSBURY: Table Top Sale, Musbury Village Hall, 10.00am to 1.00 pm. Anything goes - bric a brac galore, come and grab a bargain. Stalls include books, cards, cakes, raffle, tom bola. Refreshments including our delicious bacon butties. Entrance free. Profits to St Michaels Church Musbury. Enquiries 01297 552440/552711.

MERRIOTT: Merriott Charity Market in Merriott Social Club, 10-1pm, all welcome.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Antiques and Collectables Fair at Axminster Guildhall, 10am-3pm. £1 entry. Refreshments available. For more details call 01297 24446

SUNDAY MARCH 5th

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

BROADCLYST: 'Strictly on Sundays' at Broadclyst Victory Hall, 2.30pm-5pm. Free parking. Pay on the door £5 (includes tea/coffee and cakes).

LYME REGIS: More Tales from Under Shady Tree with Ken Gollop. Looking at changes in Lyme Regis over the last 50 years. Probably the last talk in the series. At Woodmead Halls, doors 2pm, talk 2.30pm. Admission £3 in aid of Lyme Regis Museum. Teas and raffle. Don't be late!

MONDAY MARCH 6th

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

HEWISH: The Annual General Meeting of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hewish takes place at 7.30pm, in the Church. All are welcome; please try to attend, especially if you are new to the village/area. Further information on 01460 74849.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Artisan Breadmaking Course 9.45am - approx 3.00pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. 01460 242775, www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

SEATON: Seaton & District Memory Café, first Monday every month at Seaton Methodist Church (EX12 2ST) 2-4pm. For more details call 07827 813776.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY MARCH 7th

AXMINSTER: Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10.00 for 10.15am in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington for its AGM, a talk by Reg German and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 8th

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am-12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@half.org.uk.

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Mega concert as Choir director bows out

'SWEET HONI' are performing at the Beehive on Saturday, March 11th as Andy Hague, the choir's founder and director hands the baton to Kathy Hurrell, currently the director of the award winning 'St Thomas Gospel Choir' in Exeter. They share this concert with an exhilarating brass ensemble called 'The Brass Warriors.'

Andy says, "A choir is always very hard to leave, particularly if one has founded it, but I'm delighted to have recruited such an experienced and talented person to take Sweet Honi on to the next stage. I'm also thrilled to be able to end on what I think will be the most exciting Sweet Honi concert ever. The Brass Warriors are amongst the most accomplished brass groups I have ever encountered; and I was in the Royal Marines Band!"

'The Brass Warriors' is a quintet of professional brass players from both the South West and the Republic of Ireland. Will Palmer the group's leader hails from Exeter, but now lives in Dublin. He has performed with every full-time professional orchestra in Ireland, including The Ulster Orchestra, the RTE National Symphony Orchestra and The RTE Concert Orchestra with whom he is regularly asked to play principal trumpet. He has performed and recorded extensively for radio, television, films and with pop groups, and is increasingly in demand as a soloist.

Sweet Honi will be

singing their latest songs: great numbers from The Eagles to The Eurythmics; from Bowie to Michael Jackson. The Warriors have also commissioned a special arrangement for Brass and Choir – a selection of songs from the Beatles iconic 'Sgt. Peppers' and 'Magical Mystery Tour' albums.

The Warriors will perform two sets of arrangements for brass of vibrant popular classical works. I'm confident that this concert will be one of the outstanding musical events of the year for Honiton. It will be inspiring for brass players and choral enthusiasts alike. Tickets at £10 (£8) are selling extremely well and we are confident that it will be a full house at the Beehive.



"British guitar heroine" lands in Devon with no time to spare

DESCRIBED by *The Guardian* as "A new British guitar heroine", Kit Holmes is a singer songwriter, virtuoso guitarist and fiddler, who's touring Devon village halls to delight audiences with her bluesy vocals and poignant lyrics. And to make her sound all the richer, she is bringing Al Greenhouse to accompany her on his guitar. She is brought to the county by Devon's touring scheme, Villages in Action (ViA), and is coming just in time as ViA will be winding down its touring activities in the coming months.

Many of our readers will be loyal listeners to "Whispering" Bob Harris on BBC Radio Two. He is a fan of Kit's, as is discerning DJ Andy Kershaw. Both DJ's gave Kit some much-needed exposure on Radio 2 as she was developing her career.

"After 13 years of touring there have been many highlights," says Kit. "One I'll always remember was playing for the Honorary Doctorate Ceremony, at the University of Leeds, for novelist, Bill Bryson and BBC Radio DJ, Andy Kershaw. It was a wonderful event!"

Since then she has performed at Paul McCartney's Performing Arts College, LIPA and been headline act at the International Guitar Festival,

but its rural audiences that Kit and Al especially enjoy performing for.

"There are so many things we both enjoy about performing for the Rural Touring Scheme," says Al. "There's the warmth, the atmosphere, sometimes the unexpected! We've toured rural Wiltshire, Cumbria, Oxfordshire, Northumberland, Suffolk, Norfolk, Hampshire, Somerset, Cornwall and Kent so Devon is long overdue!"

Musicians always shy away from comparisons, but Kit Holmes can surely not be offended to have the Guardian describe her music as "Macy Gray meets Nick Drake." With her striking retro look, peroxide coiffure and witty stage banter, she offers an evening to inspire young people as well as their parents and grandparents.

She and Al are touring to our county with the help of Villages in Action, a charity which believes contact with talent like Kit Holmes in a local village setting is vital for inspiring the next generation of rural artists. However, the scheme has recently had to announce their closure after 24 years due to a funding shortfall. The current spring season (finishing 22nd April) is the last one planned, so make sure you make the most of professional arts in your village hall while you can. ViA chair person, Catherine Devenish has said:

"Some of our volunteers already operate an events programme in tandem with ViA performances and I hope that others may feel able to 'go it alone' using the knowledge they have gained through ViA. We are so very grateful to everyone who has supported Villages in Action but especially the promoters, because without them, none of the fantastic events we have enjoyed would have been possible."

Kit Holmes and Al Greenwood play Clayhidon Parish Hall on Friday, March 10th at 7.30pm (tickets on 01823 681047), Hockworthy Village Hall on Saturday, March 11th at 7.30pm (tickets on 01823 673268) and Brentor Village Hall, Sunday, March 12th at 8pm (tickets on 01822 810425).

To find out about the 25 exceptional shows still to happen through Villages in Action this spring, visit www.villagesinaction.co.uk

■ Kit Holmes in action

The David Hall

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MUSICALLY, February was a huge success!

The month started on Saturday, February 4th when The David Hall welcomed Geoff Lakeman for his first-ever visit. Geoff is the father of the very well-known Folk artists Seth, Sean (married to Kathryn Roberts) and Sam (married to Cara Dillon). He is a long-time stalwart of the West Country music scene and patriarch of what has become a 'Folk dynasty'. Geoff is also a master of the rare Crane Duet Concertina which he used as support to his great voice on a mixture of self-written, traditional and varied material from many renowned artists, including Jimmie Rodgers and Randy Newman. This

was a night of great stories and great music. Enjoyed by everyone. Geoff will be back! Saturday 11th saw Tom Toomey and The Monfi Cats perform a night of great music which showed off their unique mix of Blues, Jazz, Rock, Roots and Folk. Tom is a fantastic guitarist and vocalist and was supported by three really talented musicians on percussion, bass, piano and sax/flute. Another great night! On Saturday 18th we welcomed for his first visit the Canadian singer/songwriter, Stephen Fearing. Stephen quickly showed why he is such a popular artist in his homeland and left everyone confused as to why he is not better known in the UK. Since the early 1980's Stephen has been writing and performing throughout the world and this performance showed off his great voice, guitar skills and ability to tell interesting stories. A truly fantastic performer who was well received by all.

The month came to an end on Sunday 26th when we were really pleased to welcome back a regular for yet another sell-out gig when Steve Knightley appeared as part of his Landlocked Tour. This was a unique performance by one of the country's top singer/songwriters. It was a gig of two halves, with the first half featuring original and traditional songs of the land and the second half drawing on nautical themes. Steve is a real friend to Petherton Arts Trust, having recorded his 2010 album, *Live in Somerset*, in The David Hall. One thing that is certain is that there will be an early return by this artist. Early booking will again be required, as Steve's gigs are always a sell-out.

MARCH promises to be another month of varied top-quality music. We start on Saturday 4th by welcoming back for their second visit The FB Pocket Orchestra. This is a trio like no other who, working backwards from the 1930s, explore the Blues, Ragtime, Hot Jazz, Song and Dance from long ago. I love this band, who always charm and impress in equal measure. Their music crosses all boundaries and their interpretation, sound and approach to music remains always distinctive. A truly great night is guaranteed!

On Saturday 11th we shall give a really warm welcome to local singer/songwriter, Kitty Macfarlane. Kitty was without doubt one of the real stars of last year's Petherton Folk Fest and since then she has completed a national tour with Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman (who will be with us on 20th April) and released her debut EP, *Tide and Time*. Kitty has a brilliant voice and a compelling writing style, deriving inspiration from growing up in the South West. Kitty will be supported by Bridport's Peter James Millson, whose material is described as a mixture of Country and Folk/Indie. I know this will be fantastic gig and it costs only £10. A real bargain!

On Saturday 18th we welcome back, for another Chance to Dance event, The Peatbog

Fairies, who bring high-octane Celtic dance music into the 21st century. This gig has been sold out for six weeks and this shows not only how good a band they are but also indicates how lucky we are to get them to perform for us. Based on The Isle of Skye, they are celebrating 25 years in the business. I will try hard to get them back in 2019!

The month comes to an end when one of the North East's most popular bands - The Jar Family - will perform for us for the first time. These charismatic personalities use a wide range of musical styles and work together harmoniously, while their self-penned songs stay in your mind. This is a multi-talented group that features the brilliant Keith Wilkinson (ex-Squeeze and Jools Holland) on bass. I love this band and am confident that all our punters will, too!

Before I sign off, I would like to plug a fundraiser for this year's Petherton Folk Fest and Petherton Parish Church on Friday 17th March, when a Ceilidh will be held in at St Peter and St Paul Church. Tickets are only £8 (£4 for children under 12) and include a ploughman's supper. Tickets can be obtained from N&D News in South Petherton or on 01460 249288. And in case you have not already made a note of this year's Petherton Folk Fest in your diary, it will take place on Saturday 17th June.

Happy listening and dancing!
Pete Wheeler
Petherton Arts Trust

Further events at The David Hall in March

Petherton Picture Show will present three films. On Friday, March 3rd - *A Street Cat Named Bob* starring Luke Treadaway, *Bob the Cat* and *Ruta Gemintas*; on Friday 17th, *The Light Between Oceans*, starring Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander and Rachel Weisz; and on Friday, March 31st, *Miracle on the Hudson*, starring Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart and Laura Linney.

On Friday, March 10th, from 7-9pm, there will be a Handbags and Gladrags evening, selling pre-loved and new handbags, accessories and ladies' bling. Entry is free plus free nibbles. Bar sales will include a Prosecco Bar. Come and have a fun evening and help fundraise as part of the "Support the David Hall" campaign.

There will be a Crystal & Tibetan Singing Bowl Sound Journey on Sunday, March 12th from 2pm - 3.30pm. Experience a magical journey of therapeutic Pure Sound with musician Dean Carter. To reserve a place email ahiahel@live.com, telephone 01935 389655 or visit www.centreforpure sound.org. Payment required on the day. Ticket: £12. No concessions.

On Saturday, March 25th March, at 7.30pm, there will be a Film with Food Evening featuring *Ab Fab - The Movie* (15). Catch up with Edina and Patsy's latest escapades on the big screen. Suitable themed light supper included. Advance booking only by Wednesday, March 22nd. No tickets available on the night. Tickets: £10. No concessions.

The David Hall's popular monthly Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 29th, from 10am - 12pm. Pop in for a cup of real coffee and a chat; look around the book and bric-a-brac stalls and listen to some live music. Entry is free.

Acoustic Night is on Sunday 26th, 7.30pm - 10.30pm. All performers have the opportunity to deliver for 10-15 minutes with full PA and lighting system. If you wish to perform, please email folk@chriswatts.org to secure a place.

For further details about any of the above please check the website www.thedavidhall.org.uk or call 01460 240340.



■ The Peatbog Faeries

Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH

BEER: Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI Annual General Meeting. 7.30pm in the Function Room, Dolphin Hotel, Beer. EX12 3EQ Meeting includes talk by Ian Taylor, Deputy Coxswain from Exmouth Lifeboat Station. Additional volunteers needed and welcome to join our Committee and/or with fundraising. Also at our Shop at Jubilee Gardens, Beer. Please come to our meeting or telephone (01297) 23040 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – “eyes down” at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY MARCH 9TH

CREWKERNE: Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

HONITON: Honiton and District Liberal Democrats Skittle Evening at the Heathfield Inn, 7.30pm. For more details call 01404 47127. £3 each.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club meeting in the Millennium Hall. AGM followed by a talk from Susannah Applegate about ‘Peonies and Irises’. Visitors welcome £2 payable at the door. Refreshments available plus a raffle. For more details call 01460 249728.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association bi-monthly official meeting in the Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close, at 7.30pm. It will be a good time to attend for any one who maybe interested in joining the association to turn up on the night where they will be made most welcome. Further details can be obtained via the secretary Mr Gary Pennells 01460 77978

SIDMOUTH: Prostate Cancer Support Group Honiton & District. Next meeting 10.00am Royal York & Faulkner Hotel, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, EX10 8AZ. Entrance free, partners welcome, just drop in. Part of North & East Devon Prostate Support Association. www.nedpsa.org.uk Reg Charity No: 1108540 Details: Terry 078 1173 3450

SEATON: Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Seaton. Talk and Demonstration by Richard Kerwood of Windrush Willow entitled “Willow Sculpture for the Garden” and there will be the opportunity to make a small sculpture for your garden. Visitors welcome, charge £2. to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049

SIDMOUTH: Axminster and Seaton district of Prostate Cancer Support Group, invited to next meeting at Royal York & Faulkner Hotel, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, EX10 8AZ. 10am, free, partners welcome, just drop in. Part of

www.nedpsa.org.uk Details: Terry 078 1173 3450

OFFWELL: Offwell Village Hall. EX14 9SB. Honiton Flower Club is hosting a flower arranging demonstration entitled Inspired by my Journey by Sheila Hadlow, Area Demonstrator. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2.15pm start. Refreshments available. All welcome for a £5 admission fee. Details: 01404881298.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non- members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

FRIDAY MARCH 10TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – ‘Food on Friday’, mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal + roll & butter and unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. ‘The Victorian Head Gardener’: a talk by Francis Burroughes. Discover the fascinating life of the Victorian country estate from the perspective of those ‘on the ground’. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymergisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Flower Club are holding a Workshop at the United Reform Church Rooms at 2.30pm Please phone Jackie Dadds (01460221315) or Pam Burge (0140443758) for more details. Beginners are very welcome.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE THIS MARCH

WHETHER March is lion or lamb this year, you can rely on the Arts Centre to warm the cockles of your heart, with its exciting programme of music, art and workshops.

Running throughout the month (until Saturday 25th) in the gallery, our latest exhibition ‘Convergence’ unites a dynamic group of Somerset artists, who work across a range of styles in a spectrum of different media. Come and admire stone carved sculpture, hand-made hardwood cabinetry, adventurous textile art, landscape photography, and painting both abstract and ultra-figurative. There will be something for everyone in this show, and some talking points too!

March 22nd sees the return of our ever popular Vintage and Antiques Textile Fair. Curated by a group of specialist textile dealers, this fair has established itself as the go-to event for those in search of unusual and rare fabrics, haberdashery, homewares and vintage fashion accessories. Browse, buy and relax over a well-earned lunch in the Arts Centre café afterwards.

Our jazz concert on Friday 10th is truly a celebratory evening, marking as it does the 80th birthday of

renowned jazz saxophonist Tony Roberts. Tony and his Quintet will be playing some fantastic mainstream jazz in honour of the occasion - come along and hear a master of his craft in action.

On Friday 24th, we welcome an award-winning jazz band, the Nigel Price Organ Trio. Band leader Nigel is a virtuoso musician who recently won the 2016 Jazz Guitarist of the Year award - for this gig he and his Trio will be joined by saxophonist Vasilis Xenopoulos for a scintillating evening of mainstream/modern jazz with that irresistible Hammond organ sound.

For something completely different, on Friday 31st we journey down memory lane in the company of Flanders and Swann, as presented by



with Abigail Willis

of Stilgoe, Skellern and Kit and the Widow thrown in for good measure. Book early to avoid disappointment!

And if you are thinking about flexing your creative muscles this spring, check out our workshops - among the topics on offer this month are Adventures in Crochet (Sat 11th), Felting (Fri 17th), Rag Rugs (Fri 24th), Crazy Patchwork (Fri 31st) and, for young artists, Colours of Spring (Sat 18th). Box Office: 01460 54973 www.themeetinghouse.org.uk



Colyton, Colyford and District Memory Café
St John Hall King Street Colyton
The first Wednesday of each month 2 - 4pm

If you, a friend or a loved one is suffering from memory loss or has been diagnosed with early dementia we offer an afternoon of friendship and support for you and your carer.

Our volunteers are available to carers for a quiet chat and can provide information, leaflets and signposting advice. We also aim to have regular visits from health professionals.

Why not come along to share opportunities with others to reminisce and enjoy some music, talks and quizzes, or just come along for a cup of tea and some cake!

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Diary Dates

SATURDAY MARCH 11TH

SIDMOUTH: Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme ‘Springtime in all its Glory’, at Stowford Centre (A3052). 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

BEER: Beer Wurllitzer show at the Congregational Church, Fore Street. 2-4.30pm. Elizabeth Harrison, musician and entertainer, travelling from her home in Lancashire to present her varied musical repertoire. Everyone welcome. Entry £7 on the door, to include interval refreshments. For more details visit www.beerwurllitzer.co.uk or call 01297 24892

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON: Spring Jumble Sale at Norton-Sub-Hamdon Village Hall. Doors open 11am. Admission 30p. Loads of bargains. New/nearly new clothes, bedding, curtains, books, bric-a-brac, toys and much more. Refreshments, raffle. Everyone welcome. Come and pick up a bargain. All proceeds to hall funds. For more details call 01935881718.

AXMINSTER: Beginners Tai Chi Bang workshop at Weycroft Bridge, EX13 7LN. 10 to 2.30pm. This is an easy to learn tai chi set suitable for beginners. It may also be practised seated for people less mobile. Great fun to learn and provides lots of health benefits. Contact Allan on 01297 32095 for further information.

DONVATT: One Plus One Carnival Club of Ilminster are holding a Cash prize bingo at Donvatt Bowling Club on March 11th, raising funds for this years entry. Refreshments and a raffle available. The Bingo room will open from 7pm for eyes down at 8pm.

SUNDAY MARCH 12TH

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Soft Cheese Making Course with Louise Talbot from Cutting the Curd, 9.45am - 2.30pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. 01460 242775

CREWKERNE: Arts @ St Bart's present a Clarinet Spectacular with Dave White, at St Bartholomew's Church, 3pm. Tickets £8 (£10 on the door) to include refreshments. Bar available. Tickets from Crewkerne Town Hall or Lizon on 01460 271767.

HONITON: East Devon Carnivals AGM at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, 7.30pm.

MONDAY MARCH 13TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

HONITON: Honiton Art Society Meeting. Critique by Phil Creek, Awliscombe Village Hall, 2 to 4pm. Visitors and new members always welcome. Visitors £4

BEER: Beer Film Society presents ‘I, Daniel Blake’. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm. Members £3.50, non-members £5. All welcome. Drinks, bar and raffle.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY MARCH 14TH

SIDMOUTH: East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Paul Roberts will perform at 2.30pm.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association will be holding a first for them when they dine out the Captain and Executive Officer of HMS Somerset in the Lord Leaze Hotel at 7.30pm. The association has asked to have an association with the ship and having been accepted they decided to host the dinner in recognition and to thank Commander Tim Berry and his ships company.

CHARD: Chard WI meeting at Chard Baptist Church Rooms, Holyrood Street TA20 2AH. Musical evening starts 7.30. Call Johanna on 01460 68133 for more information. Meetings first Tuesday of every month.

BROADWAY: Ile Valley Flower Club at Broadway Village Hall. Demonstrator Diane Norman demonstrating Japanese Ikebana. Start 7.30pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

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ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Endulging in a game or two of Celebrity Shares to fend off jetlag

IT'S BEEN a fun and celebrity filled week and with a bit of jetlag mixed in, I've had to find ingenious ways to keep myself awake.

I decided to engage in a new sport I have invented entitled Celebrity Shares. You might be able to guess by the name what the game entails, but incase you can't I'll tell you the rules.

Celebrity Shares involves a scoring system for how much contact you can get with various celebs, so first you have to rate the personality on their level of fame out of 10. Danni Minogue would be an 8 but her sister would be more like a 10 (sorry Danni), whereas some of the reality TV folk would only count as a 1.

Then you give a separate score out of 10 for the

amount of contact you have managed to get-a hello would be 1, a brush past 2, a handshake 5, a hug 8 etc. all the way up to 10.

It's a very immature but fun game to play with friends at red carpet events and as I went to a couple this week, I garnered some good scores.

The first was the very glitzy press night of Gary Barlow's new musical The Girls at the Phoenix Theatre and the green carpet (to replicate the Yorkshire dales) was filled with famous faces on their way to enjoy the show.

I managed to play celebrity shares with many of them and although I will let you give them a fame rating yourselves, I'll tell you some of my contact scores.

Martin Kemp (6, a guiding arm touch), Pixie Lott (5, a very squashed brushing past), Frank Skinner (4, handshake), West End Wilma (8, a hug and a kiss) and the lovely Gary Barlow (7, a conversation and a purposeful arm stroke). There were hundreds of the Take That star's fans screaming his name and desperately trying to get any contact they could, with many dreaming of a 10, I'm sure!

The show itself is one of the best new musicals I have seen in years and a recommendation for anyone who is venturing up to the West End to see a show.

I was also invited with my good friend and esteemed theatre blogger West End Wilma to have afternoon tea with the multi award-win-



■ Frances Ruffelle and John Owen-Jones in The Wild Party

ning composer Alan Menkin.

The event was to promote the new Beauty and the Beast movie and we rubbed shoulders (and other things) with a gaggle of minor celebs, while we supped on champagne and listened to the maestro play a selection of his most famous music, including songs from the Disney films Aladdin, The Little Mermaid and of course Beauty and the Beast.

Most of the personalities in attendance were theatre based, so you may not know them, but I did manage a low scoring round of celebrity shares with Danny Mac (1, a wave from a distance), Claire Sweeney (3, a brush past) and Amelia Lily (1/2 a

nonchalant look in my direction).

The evening was a little more successful as I popped to the newly opened The Other Palace to see The Wild Party, a musical filled with sin.

While waiting to collect my tickets I got a hug and a kiss from Tony Award winner Frances Ruffelle, before I bumped into Danny Mac again (5, a handshake and a friendly conversation), who introduced me to his girlfriend Carley Stenson (5, a very friendly handshake).

I must just state that I'm not encouraging people to just grab celebrities willy nilly (if you know what I mean!) and that no famous faces were harmed in the making of this game.

Next week I'm off to see a little show called Wicked (it will be my 22nd time) because they have just changed the lead cast and I'm having my first ever trip to the National Theatre to see a play called Ugly Lies the Bone, starring Ralf Little and a highly acclaimed theatrical leading lady called Kate Fleetwood.

I'm hoping to squeeze in a few more games of Celebrity Shares while I'm there!

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland



■ West End Wilma and Gary Barlow at the opening night of The Girls



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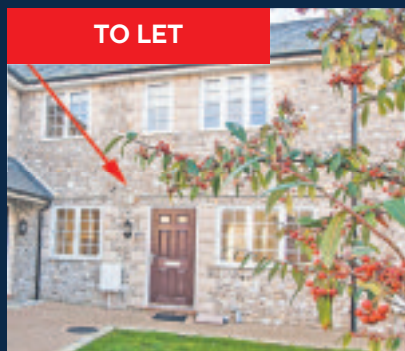


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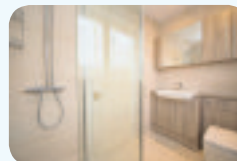
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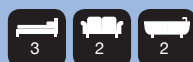
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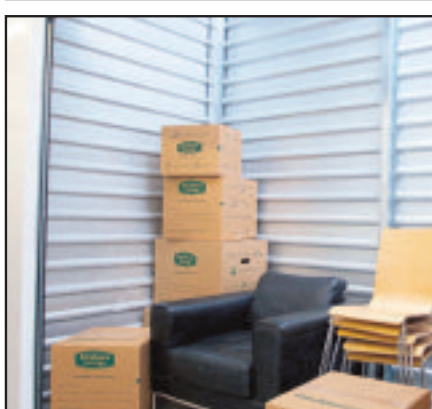
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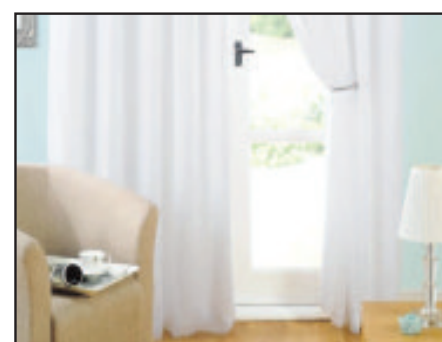
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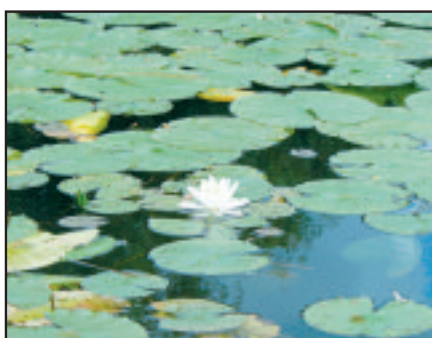
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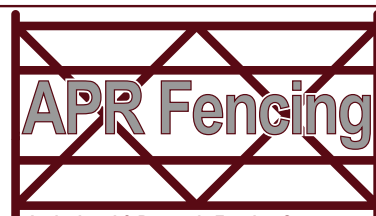
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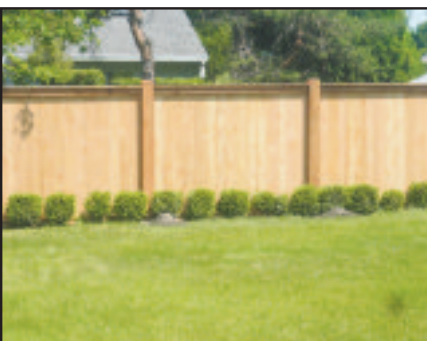
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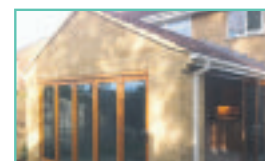
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Next-gen Ford Fiesta ST debuts 200PS, three cylinder, 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine and drive modes

FORD Performance today announced the next generation Ford Fiesta ST, powered by an all-new three-cylinder, 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine.

Shown for the first time ahead of its global public debut at the Geneva Motor Show next month, the next-generation Fi-

esta ST will deliver 200PS, 290Nm of torque and anticipated 0-62mph acceleration in 6.7sec.

The third generation of Fiesta ST will be the first ever Ford Performance model powered by a three-cylinder engine, and the first Fiesta ST to feature selectable Drive Modes –

enabling engine, steering and stability controls to be configured to Normal, Sport and Track settings for an optimised fun-to-drive experience in conditions from motorways to track days.

Drive Modes will also adjust Fiesta ST's Electronic Sound Enhance-

ment (ESE) technology and active exhaust noise control valve to deliver an even more satisfying driving experience. The technologies amplify the naturally sporty sound of the new 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine that also features Ford's industry-first cylinder deactivation system for a three-cylinder engine, for further reduced CO2 emissions of an anticipated 114g/km.*

Available from launch in early 2018 in both three-door and five-door bodystyles, the next generation Fiesta ST will be offered with a greater variety of interior trim and personalisation options than ever before, with bold and distinctive exterior styling that includes a unique race-car-inspired mesh grille and exclusive 18in alloy wheels.

"Our next generation Fiesta ST is true to the philosophy of delivering

cutting-edge technology to enhance every facet of the responsive Ford Performance chassis and powertrain," said Joe Bakaj, vice president, Product Development, Ford of Europe. "With selectable Drive Modes and an all-new EcoBoost engine delivering an unprecedented combination of performance and fuel efficiency, the new model will deliver the most versatile, fun, engaging and rewarding Fiesta ST driving experience yet."

All-new 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine

Part of Ford's EcoBoost range of petrol engines that also includes the multi-award-winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost, the all-new 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine uses technology including turbocharging, high-pressure fuel injection and Twin-independent Variable Timing to deliver opti-

mised performance and fuel efficiency.

The engine's three-cylinder architecture delivers naturally high torque at low rpm. Performance is further boosted by a new turbocharger that uses an optimised turbine design to build boost pressure faster and minimise lag for a more responsive and fun driving experience.

A new combination of port fuel injection and direct fuel injection technology helps deliver high power and responsiveness alongside reduced CO2 emissions, with a particular increase in fuel efficiency under light engine loads.

Ford's new cylinder deactivation technology – first announced for the 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine and a world first for a three-cylinder engine – will further improve fuel efficiency for Fiesta ST

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The all-aluminium engine also features an integrated exhaust manifold that improves efficiency by helping the engine reach optimal temperatures faster, and delivers torque more rapidly by minimising the distance exhaust gasses travel between cylinders and turbocharger. Gas particulate filter technology that reduces soot emissions will also feature.



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Bubbling Beer move up into top half

Advantage Hippos despite being forced to scramble late point - Hawks beaten in extra time - Rise defensive woes

football tables

SW Peninsula D1E (34)Pld Pts		
Teignmouth	27	57
Newton Abbot Spurs	28	56
Stoke Gabriel	26	55
Brixham AFC	28	54
Appledore	25	52
Torridge	27	47
Crediton Utd	25	47
AXMINSTER TOWN	28	46
Sidmouth Town	26	36
St Martins	27	33
Exeter University	23	30
Liverton Utd	26	29
Bovey Tracey	26	28
Alphington	27	25
Galmpton Utd	27	24
Totnes & Dartington	26	21
Budleigh Salterton	22	18
Exwick Villa	22	16

D&E Premier (28) Pld Pts		
Honiton Town	20	52
Newtown	20	51
Elmore	18	42
Okehampton Argyle	21	36
Heavitree Utd	17	32
Topsham Town	19	31
Beer Albion	18	27
Feniton	19	27
Seaton Town	19	25
Exmouth Amateurs	20	24
Uptonery	23	21
Clyst Valley	20	21
Hatherleigh Town	23	16
Newton St Cyres	21	14
Bow AAC	20	4

D&E Div 1 (20) Pld Pts		
Cronies FC	16	44
Exeter University Res	16	29
Sidmouth Town Res	15	25
Wetheridge Reserves	13	24
Lyme Regis	15	23
Exmouth Town Res	15	23
Colyton	15	23
Alphington Reserves	15	14
Willand Rovers Res	19	14
Wellington Reserves	15	12
Bickleigh	16	6

D&E Div 2 (26) Pld Pts		
Lapford	18	45
Cullumpton Rang Res	19	43
University 3rds	17	32
Heavitree Utd Res	16	31
Asmouth Utd	20	31
Chagford	17	29
Dawlish Utd	20	29
Woodbury	17	26
Dawlish Town	19	22
Halwill	18	21
Tipton St John	19	21
Newtown Reserves	20	20
Lympstone	19	16
Budleigh Salt Res	23	14

D&E Div 3 (20) Pld Pts		
PERRY STREET	15	38
Exeter Univ 4ths	16	37
Bampton	17	36
Axminster Town Res	17	33
East Budleigh	20	29
Honiton Town Res	18	29
Tedburn St Mary	20	23
Newton Poppleford	17	21
Clyst Valley Reserves	17	16
Exmouth Amat Res	18	14
Culm Utd	19	4

D&E Div 4 (24) Pld Pts		
Thorverton	17	47
Kentisbeare	17	47
Uplowman Athletic	21	44
Ottery St Mary	22	36
Exeter Univ 5ths	19	31
Sandford	20	27
Priory	18	26
Countess Wear Dyn	18	24
Pinhoe	20	23
Otterton	19	20
Morchard Bishop	21	15*
St Martins Reserves	18	11
Sampford Peverell	20	7

D&E Div 5 (24) Pld Pts		
Royal Oak	18	52
Crediton Utd Res	17	44
Winchester	18	40
Whipton & Pinhoe	18	37
Millway Rise	20	34
South Zeal Utd	20	22
Feniton Reserves	18	19
Starcross Generals	20	19
North Tawton	17	18
Newton St Cyres	19	17
Beer Albion Reserves	17	16
Alphington 3rds	19	14
Awliscombe Utd	17	8

SW Peninsula Div One (E)

AFTER a weekend off, Axminster Town, now taking stock following the resignation of Manager Ian Burns, return to action under the charge of interim player-manager Jon Hurford, with the visit of Budleigh Salterton (3pm).

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE Match reports

Hatherleigh Town 0 Beer Albion 3

Premier Division
BEER Albion moved into the top half of the Premier Division table with a convincing 3-0 win at struggling Hatherleigh Town writes Richard Hornor.

The Fishermen's current run of success is based on solid defence, great team spirit and growing confidence. All of these were in evidence as the Fishermen soaked up pressure from their opponents and catch them on the break.

Hatherleigh had the edge in possession over the whole 90 minutes but Beer carried the greater goal threat throughout.

Only two clear chances were carved out in the first half; in the 29th minute, after a clearance was charged down, Hatherleigh's Wilson found himself one-on-one with Beer keeper Matt Rooke but Rooke smothered his shot.

This prompted an instant response from the Fishermen which culminated in a dipping 25 yard strike from Shaun Denslow which the home keeper did well to tip onto the underside of the crossbar.

The game swung dramatically in favour of the Fishermen on the hour when player-manager Richard Walker introduced himself into the fray. On 69 minutes Beer took the lead when the home keeper misjudged a long clearance and Walker headed into an empty net.

The lead was doubled 10 minutes later when Luke Bartlett headed home Harwood's corner. But the home side were getting regularly pegged back now with Beer midfielders George Harwood and Pedro Fontes pulling the strings.

Hatherleigh's heads dropped at this point and it was no surprise when Beer added a third on 84 minutes when Bartlett found Walker who squared to

Pedro Fontes to hit an unstoppable 25-yarder into the top corner.

Best player on show was Beer's in-form centre-half Andrew Foster who never put a foot wrong.

The Fishermen's first team are without a game next Saturday but the Reserves entertain North Tawton in a Macron League Division 5 match at the Furzebrake (3pm ko) - match sponsor is "Bullet" Adkin.

Royal Oak 3 Millway Rise 1

Division Five
ALTHOUGH it's goals that win matches Saturday's scoreline at Royal Oak's didn't tell half the story writes Dick Sturch.

Millway went into this match against the runaway leaders minus four regulars but they came away having put in their best display of the season.

The first 20 minutes were end-to-end with chances for both sides.

But Oak took the lead when the Rise back line failed to clear their lines and Harry Choules tapped the ball home.

More hesitant defending on the hour resulted in a penalty which Chambers tucker away to put the hosts clear at 2-0 against the run of play.

Millway kept the pressure on the home side and forced them into a penalty which was safely dispatched by Nathan Womersley.

The Oaks settled the game in the last five minutes with the best goal of the game from Winsor who coolly lobbed keeper Nathan Hoole.

This excellent performance is going to cause Rise Manager Simon Flint some selection headaches. Sam Burke was an inspiration, Sam Turner's distribution clinical, Chris Lusby, up from the Reserves was a constant thorn in the opponents' side and Nicky Land had a great game in the back four.

Round-up

DESPITE conceding in injury time, NEWTON ST CYRES stole the show with a 2-2 draw at Premier Division leaders HONITON TOWN, who had not conceded a goal for nearly three months.

The Cyres went one down, Blake Freemantle scoring and Honiton missed a penalty before

a Mustafa Rehemi penalty levelled it up. Adrian Selway gave Cyres the lead and they were almost home before Lewis Couch scrambled the Hippos a big point.

The other shock came at NEWTOWN, where the joint leaders were turned over 3-1 by a HEAVITREE UNITED.

ELMORE feel they might be back in the race after pulverising FENITON 5-1. Mark Simic had the Fenny goal.

BEER ALBION made a massive jump towards safety winning 3-0 at HATHERLEIGH TOWN, but BOW AAC dipped further into trouble as they went under 5-1 at UPTOTTERY.

Cronies, who were without a game, were kept waiting to be crowned Division One champions as WITHERIDGE, the only team that can catch them, beat LYME REGIS 2-1. Ashley Harrison had both goals, Kieren Daniels replying for Lyme.

The UNIVERSITY strengthened second place winning 3-0 at WELLINGTON TOWN, but SIDMOUTH TOWN hopes for a top three slot were blunted by a 1-1 draw at ALPHINGTON.

In Division Two third-placed AXMOUTH UNITED were stunned by a 2-1 home defeat by HALWILL.

PERRY STREET took over top spot in Division Three after ramming to a 10-3 victory over HONITON TOWN. AXMINSTER TOWN 5-0 at TEDBURN ST MARY with goals from Mike Knight (2), Ben Vine, Stuart Broom and an OG but still need the top three to slip up.

OTTERY ST MARY are out of the running for promotion from Division Four despite their 4-2 win at COUNTESS WEAR.

In Division 5 leaders WINKLEIGH were handed a walkover as expected visitors OFFWELL RANGERS failed to show, while goals from Dec Ellis (2), Ryan King and Steve Batey (pen) earned LYME REGIS RESERVES an impressive win over EXWICK VILLAGE.

Finally, UPTOTTERY won 2-0 at Lapford with goals from Gavin Richards and Phil Derryman which means they are definitely promoted from Division Eight

RESULTS

MACRON DEVON & EXETER

PREMIER

Exmouth 1, Okehampton 2.
Feniton 1, Elmore 5.
Hatherleigh Tn 0, Beer Albion 3.
Honiton Town 2, Newton St C 2.
Newtown 1, Heavitree Utd 3.
Topsham Town 2, Clyst Valley 1.
Uptonery 5, Bow AAC 1.

DIVISION ONE
Alphington 1, Sidmouth Town 1.
Exmouth Town 1, Bickleigh 0.
Wellington Town 0, University 3.
Wetheridge 2, Lyme Regis 1.

DIVISION TWO
Axmouth United 1, Halwill 2.
Budleigh Salt 0, University 4.
Chagford 6, Tipton St John 1.
Cullumpton Rangers 2, Lapford 4.

Lympstone 5, Heavitree United 7.
Newtown 5, Dawlish 3.
Woodbury 5, Dawlish United 3.

DIVISION THREE
Clyst Valley 0, University 0.
Perry Street 10, Honiton Town 3.
Tedburn St Mary 0, Axminster 5.

DIVISION FOUR
Countess Wear 2, Ottery St M 4.
Otterton 0, Pinhoe 2.
Priory 4, Morchard Bishop 1.

Sampford Pev 1, Uplowman Ath 6.
Sandford 2, University 4.
Thorverton 2, Kentisbeare 2.

DIVISION FIVE
Awliscombe Utd 1, North Tawton 1.
Beer Albion 3, Feniton 2.
Crediton Utd 1, South Zeal Utd 0.

Royal Oak 3, Millway Rise 1.
Starcross Gen 1, Winchester 2.
Whipton & Pinhoe 5, Alphington 0.

DIVISION SIX
Central FC 6, Hatherleigh Tn 1.
Halwill 4, Hemock 2.
Lyme Regis 4, Exwick Village 0.

Stoke Hill 5, Dunkswell Rovers 2.
Tivvy Park Rgs 0, Elmore 2.

DIVISION SEVEN
Bickleigh 7, K&M Polonia 2.
Colyton 0, H T Dons 2.
Ilminster Tn 1, Ch Fitzpaine 1.

Seaton Town 7, Wellington Tn 1.
Sidmouth Town 1, Cranbrook 3.

DIVISION EIGHT
Bampton 6, Queens Head 3.
Bravehearts 13, Sandford 0.
Kentisbeare 2, Amory Green 2.

Lapford 0, Uptonery 2.
Newton Poppleford 3, Bradninch 5.

DIVISION NINE
Millway Rise 1, East Budleigh 1.

SUNDAY
MORRISON BELL CUP
Sidmouth Town 4 Seaton Town 1

GRANDISSON CUP
Clyst Valley 0 Cronies FC 2
GOLESWORTHY CUP
Farway Utd A-W East Budleigh

Otterton 7 Clyst Valley Veterans 0
Woodbury 1 Offwell Rangers 5

FIXTURES - Saturday, March 4th
PREMIER
Bow AAC v Heavitree United
Elmore v Topsham Town

Honiton Town v Exmouth Amat
Newton St Cyres v Clyst Valley
Okehampton Argyle v Newtown

Seaton Town v Hatherleigh Town
Uptonery v Feniton

DIVISION 1
Exmouth Town v Alphington

Sidmouth Town v Lyme Regis
Wellington Town v Colyton

DIVISION 2
Chagford v Budleigh Salterton
Cullumpton Rangers v Dawlish

Dawlish United v Axmouth United
Halwill v Lympstone

Heavitree United v Newtown
Lapford v University

Tipton St John v Woodbury

DIVISION 3
Exmouth Amat v Newton Poppleford
Perry Street v Bampton

University v Clyst Valley

DIVISION 4
Countess Wear Dyn v Morchard Bishop
Kentisbeare v Ottery St Mary

Pinhoe v Priory
Sandford v St Martins

University v Thorverton
Uplowman Athletic v Otterton

DIVISION 5
Alphington v Royal Oak
Beer Albion v North Tawton

Crediton United v Winchester
Feniton v Awliscombe United

Newton St Cyres v South Zeal
Whipton & Pinhoe v Millway Rise

DIVISION 6
Hatherleigh Town v Exwick Village
Hemock v Winkleigh

Lyme Regis v Elmore
Offwell Rangers v Silvertown

Stoke Hill v Halwill
Tivvy Park v Dunkswell Rovers

DIVISION 7
Ilminster Town v Exmouth Spartans
Sidmouth Town v Seaton Town

Woodbury v Cheriton Fitzpaine

DIVISION 8
Amory Green v Axminster Town
Bravehearts v Lapford

Bampton v Seven Stars Kennford
Newton Poppleford v Uptonery

DIVISION 9
Central v East Budleigh
Millway Rise v Feniton

Tedburn St Mary v Honiton Town
DEVON SENIOR CUP SF
Cronies v University

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
ROBBIE Walker scored twice as Forton Rangers came from behind before edging past Hawkchurch United 3-2 in the Arthur Gage Cup quarter-final.

George Read scored the first goal for Forton who battled back to force the extra half hour with a last minute strike from Walker after the Hawks had twice got their beaks in front through strikes from Jack Larcombe and top scorer Jack Melville.

Meanwhile, goals from Jack Murel (2) and Ernie Stobbs earned Farway United a 3-1 win over Dowlish & Donnyatt and a home Tommy Tabberer Cup semi final against Winslow Res.

Down in Division Three a double from Kai Fletcher earned Farway Utd Res a 2-2 draw Lyme Rovers.

football tables

D&E Div 6 (24) Pld Pts		
Winkleigh	15	42
Exwick Village	19	41
Central FC	15	32
Hemock	16	31
Lyme Regis Reserves	14	30
Offwell Rangers	17	28
Halwill Reserves	18	27
Stoke Hill	17	20
Elmore Reserves	15	19
Dunkswell Rovers	19	18
Tivvy Park Rangers	17	17
Silvertown	18	5
Hatherleigh Reserves	18	5

D&E Div 7 (22) Pld Pts		
Ilminster Town Res	19	49
Wellington 3rds	20	48
Cranbrook	19	45
Sidmouth Town 3rds	17	33
Exmouth Spartans	17	31
K&M Polonia Exeter	18	24
Woodbury Reserves	19	19
Cheriton Fitzpaine	18	18
Seaton Town Res	14	14
Bickleigh Reserves	16	14
Colyton Reserves	16	7
HT Dons	19	4

D&E Div 8 (22) Pld Pts		
Uptonery Reserves	15	38
Axminster Town 3rds	19	38*
Bravehearts	15	33
Lapford Reserves	18	31
Queen's Head	19	31
Kentisbeare Reserves	16	27
Newton Popp 1 Res	19	26
Bampton Reserves	17	21
Amory Green Rovers	18	19
Seven Stars Kennford	18	13
Bradninch	20	12
Sandford Reserves	16	8

D&E Div 9 (18) Pld Pts		
St Martins 3rds (C)	18	37
Chagford Reserves	18	34
Wetheridge 3rds	17	32
Honiton Town 3rds	17	28
East Budleigh Res	16	25
Millway Rise Res	14	24
Tedburn St Mary Res	16	20
Amory Green Res	16	16
Central FC Reserves	17	15
Feniton 3rds	17	7

Perry Street Prem (20)Pld Pts		
Beaminster	14	34
South Petherton	14	31
Barrington	13	31
Shepton Beauchamp	13	29
Winslow Utd	14	26
Misterton	12	20
W & M Chinnock	14	13
Chard Utd	10	11
Netherbury	13	9
Combe Reserves	12	2*
Drimpton	15	0

Perry St Div 1 (18) Pld Pts		
Pymore	11	24
Forton Rangers	12	23
Waytown Hounds	12	23
Merriott Rovers	11	20
Hawkchurch Utd	8	16
Uplyme	11	14
Shepton Beau Res	11	14*
Ilminster Town Colts	10	10
Combe A	11	8
South Petherton Res	13	2

Perry St Div 2 (18) Pld Pts		
Chard Rangers	12	30
Farway Utd	13	27
Charmouth	14	26
Halstock	10	24
Winslow Utd Res	12	22
Thorncombe	12	22
Dowlish & Donnyatt	12	12
Kingsbury Episcopi	14	9
Crewkerne Rangers	9	6
Chard Utd Reserves	12	6

Perry St Div 3 (24) Pld Pts		
Misterton Reserves	13	32
Uplyme Reserves	12	27
Forton Rangers Res	11	27
Merriott Dynamos	12	20
Ilminster Town A	15	20
Crewk Rangers Res	12	19
Thorncombe Res	13	19
Lyme Regis Rovers	13	16*
Fivehead	10	12
Chard Rangers Res	15	11
Farway Utd Res	13	8
Chard Utd All Stars	11	2

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Hornets homing in on promotion

ISCA 5ths 1

Honiton Hornets 3

HONITON moved a step closer to promotion with a win over ISCA at the weekend.

Katrina Tucker scored a reverse stick strike from a short corner to put Honiton ahead.

Vanessa Trude scored a hard fought individual goal a few minutes later to double the lead as she followed her own ini-

tial shot on goal lifting the ball over the keeper who had already parried her initial effort.

ISCA managed to sneak one back before half time to keep them in contention but Honiton made sure of the win mid-way through the second half with another short corner goal. The keeper saved Tucker's initial strike

tee off golf news

Axe Cliff aid for Devon Freewheelers

CRICKET ST THOMAS

with Bert Robinson

FOURTY four seniors in the four-man Medalford last Monday. All the medal pairings returned sub par scores that indicated a close finish. The stableford scores varied considerably, and the 43 points amassed by Trevor Dobson and Keith Branchflower was enough to steer their team to victory.

Result: 1st Norman Markby & Richard Forster (64) – Trevor Dobson & Keith Branchflower (43) = 21, 2nd Tony Stenhouse & Dave Taylor (65) – Andy King & Roger Davis (41) = 24, 3rd Frank Martin & John Wandless (67) – Alan Chance & Maurice Arnold (42) = 25.

Unbaiting light rain last Wednesday saw a limited field of 33 Seniors play an Irish Waltz competition.

With all three members of the team having to register a score on every third hole, the contest relied upon consistency.

Result: 1st Robin Flower; Martin Bargery & Chris Gingle 80 points, 2nd Roger Davis; Ian Griffiths & Tony Stenhouse 79, 3rd Peter Spencer-Farr; Mike Hone & Ian Houseman 73. Finally, 44 seniors attended the qualifying stableford competition on Friday.

There was a tight finish in both divisions with Ian Griffiths and Barrie Heath both returning scores of 39 points in Division One and a tie in Division Two was recorded by Barrie Singleton and Bob Rees. Both results were decided by the back nine.

Result: Division One: 1st Ian Griffiths 39 points, 2nd Barrie Heath 39, 3rd Danny Dowell 37.

Division Two: 1st Barrie Singleton 38 points, 2nd Bob Rees 38 3rd Clive Fisk 37.

AXE CLIFF with Dave Bruce

LAST year's Captains Margaret Kenchington and Simon Sweetland were delighted to present a cheque for £1800 to Dean Morgan from Devon Freewheelers. Dean thanked the Club for its wonderful efforts and reported that The Freewheelers will be purchasing four Donor Breast Milk insulated carriers which will be inscribed "Donated by Axe Cliff Club".

Margaret's amazing day of Golf at Sidmouth culminated in her walk from Sidmouth Golf Club to Axe Cliff which raised, with the Main Captains Charity Raffle, over £800.

Grateful thanks go to the local businesses who donated prizes for the Main Raffle namely, Mole Avon; Wheelwright; Seaton Tesco; SAK Logistics; Seaton Tramway and Pecoroma.

The Ladies played the final round of the Winter League. The winner was Anne Jarvis on 28 points. Second, on countback, with 26 points was Sandra Walker and third Margaret Kenchington.

Jo Donmall produced a Special Valentines Day of fun as each hole one could win hearts by either parring or even if only got one point.

However the main winner was the weather as a halt was called off after only six holes. Helen Gaudie scored 11 points on countback from Pauline Willis and third was Di Rogers who recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

The 15-hole Mens Seniors Winter League was won by the 39 points of David Lacey & Peter Hornsby closely followed by Sid Pember & Chris Walker on 36 and third were John Pugh & Mick Tomes on 34. Gilbert Cox carded the only two of the day.

HONITON with John Pawley

THE Tuesday Mixed was back in full swing

this week with 26 players taking part in an American Foursomes.

Sue Williams & Bob Underwood took the winning spot with 33 points, on count-back from Cherry Liell & Max Pipe. Third were Sue Ritchie & John Frith with 32 followed by Stephani Barnes & Phil Wall with 31.

On Wednesday the improved weather, along with no temporary greens or tees, allowed the ladies to play a Texas scramble.

Eight triples, with one player drawn from each division, played 14 holes.

Deciding which player's shot to use became a tactical decision as the longest shot was not necessarily the one to choose. The eventual winners were Sue Ritchie, Chris Major & Chris Luttman with Lesley Oxenham, Jane Watts & Jan Lloyd next.

Sickness had reduced two of the teams to only two players each, so they played against each other, with Mona Carter & June Hodge carding 30 points and beating Diana Gee & Pam Knibb. Cathy Pawley & Chris Major entered their first competition with Chris in the winning team.

The wonderful conditions continued into Friday for nearly 60 seniors to play their Texas Scramble.

Though the greens were a little slow some good scores were achieved, notably the 64.0 team score of Dave Maggs, Bob Underwood & Peter Blake. They were followed by the 64.8 of Alan Pollock, Peter Stubbington & David Hughes with Steve Butcher, Trevor Bradley & Ron E Jones next with 65.0. Fourth, but only on count-back was the team of Jim Wallis, Alex Neil & Phil Wall.

Bob Cockett carded the only two and won 36 new balls to share with his team mates.

hockey chard

Away day triumph

West Dorset A 1 Chard A 3

CHARD resumed their winning form with a rare victory in Bridport.

The home side could only muster 10 players, but games against West Dorset are generally close affairs and this one followed that pattern.

Chard could have won by a more comfortable margin, but it was quickly apparent that they were up against a goalkeeper who was going to be difficult to beat.

There was little to choose between the teams in the early stages, but Chard captain James Spurdle swept the ball goalwards to Jason Goddard who applied a delicate touch into the bottom corner to open the scoring.

West Dorset set about seeking the equaliser but, just as they were threatening Harvey Denning put Chard two up with a reverse stick shot that deflected past the keeper off a defender's stick.

Chard got the ideal start to the second half. A neat passing move put Goddard in behind the defence. His pass across the face of goal presented Justin Green with a tap in at the far post.

That might have wrapped things up had West Dorset not pounced on a defensive lapse a minute later to make it 1-3.

This gave them added belief and they were fiercer in the tackle and Chard were harried into mistakes and misplaced passes. Despite this Spurdle, Denning and Green were all denied by the reactions of the keeper.

Chard: R Green, N Liggins, A Critchley, P Pratt, S Mahoney, J Goddard, N Parkinson, J Spurdle (capt), M Wheaton, J Green, H Denning, M Lane, T King, T Goss.

on the frontier around the local skittles leagues

Colyton

Captains Cup final:

Winner: Darryl Jones (New Inn A) 95; Runner-Up Simon Flint (Red Lion A) 82; S Scotland (Offwell B) 81, M Wakley (Hon Con D) 81, R Tedbury (Colyton Club A) 75, N Barrett (Red Lion Sidbury) 74, D Park (Seaton FC B) 72, M Enticott (Cloakham B) 72, B Dowell (Kingfisher B) 70, R Payne (Axminster Inn) 70, B Dicks (Lamb B) 69, I Bell (Offwell A) 62, A Peach (Wheelwright A) 60, J Trivett (Axminster Con A) 59, T Darrant (Hon WMC B) 57, D Coombes (Tuckers B) 55;

Div 1: Lamb A 329 (S

Pomeroy, B Smith 57)

Axminster Con A 327 (G

Stuckey 68); New Inn A 374

(D Jones 73) Tuckers Arms

B 316 (D Gould 66); Gerrard

A 383 (Rob Gay 71) Red

Lion Cavaliers 329 (R Sum-

mers 62); Red Lion A 374

(Jo Flint 70) Honiton Con D

385 (S Pratt 78); Seaton FC

A 351 (M Hancock 65) Col-

combe A 367 (A Gabb 69);

Colyton Club A 335 (R Ted-

bury 62) Lamb B 362 (M

Pidgeon 69); Vine B 336 (G

Wright 61) Cloakham B 342

(M Enticott 67);

Div 2: Ship C 364 (V Triv-

ett 77) Tuckers A 362 (D

Dower 67); Kings Arms

Beers 348 (M Archibald 69)

Honiton WMC A 322 (G

Richards 60); Wheelwright

A 322 (K Morely 60) Eagle

Tavern 293 (B Hutchings

59); Honiton Converts 379

(S Lapping 73) Gerrard B

382 (D Tucker 71); Sidbury

Stones 350 (R Chambers 64)

Vine A 329 (C Every 63); Of-

ffwell A 396 (D Spragg 80)

Volunteer A 402 (M Baden

75); Colcombe Beerboys 367

(P Crabb, N Hales 65) Dol-

phin Vikings 377 (K Aris

82);

Div 3: Vine Nomads 313

(A Morris 59) Sidbury Vil-

lage Inn 321 (A Williams

57); Mountbatten Whites

358 (P Bonetta 66) Ship A

327 (P Ives 57); Wilmington
Harts 362 (J Woollacott 76)
White Hart B 349 (N
Pritchard 75); Cloakham
Wanderers 349 (G Hayball
66) Three Tuns BTP 345 (A
Wheatley 66); Volunteer B
312 (S Holdsworth 59) King-
fisher A 305 (C Griffiths, A
Bishop 55);

Div 4: Honiton WMC B

323 (O Butler 64) Honiton

ConArtists 325 (P Coates

59); Honiton Con A 320 (T

Bennett 60) Kings Arms A

340 (R Allen 62); Heathfield

A 365 (D Pearce 82) Tuckers

Arms C 361 (R 80); Rising

Sun B 334 (D Hall 63)

Axminster Inn A 348 (D

Morgan, S Palmer 60); Win-

stons A 340 (D Gammon 63)

New Inn B 354 (A Rees 67);

Div 5: Kingfisher B 258

(A Hurford, B Dowell 50)

Seaton Bowling 269 (Lillian

Hurley-Smith 53); Heath-

field B 340 (M Glaeser 63)

Offwell B 382 (L Stubbs 71);

Honiton Con Raiders 321 (S

Eveleigh 61) Winstons

KOOTS 349 (R Rowley 67);

Tuckers Arms D 339 (D

Bennett 62) Colyton Club B

382 (W Richards 70); Col-

combe Nomads 366 (G

Channon 69) Dolphin B 361

(Gemma Langham 69).

Division One

Pld Pts

New Inn A19 28

Axe Con A19 27

Red Lion Cavs19 26

Gerrard A19 23

Vine B19 22

Honiton Con D19 20

Colyton Club A19 19

Tuckers Arms B19 19

Lamb B19 18

Seaton AFC A19 18

Colcombe A19 14

Red Lion A19 14

Lamb A19 10

Volunteer A 402 (M Baden

75); Colcombe Beerboys 367

Honiton Converts19 18
Wheelwright A17 16
Eagle Tavern16 16
Honiton WMC A18 15
Colcombe Beerboys19 13
Tuckers Arms A19 13
Kings Arms Beers19 12

Division Three

Pld Pts

Wilmington Harts17 22

Vine Nomads16 21

Sidbury Village Inn17 21

Cloakham Wanderers17 20

Volunteer B17 18

Mountbatten Whites16 16

Three Tuns BTP15 14

Kingfisher A16 14

White Hart B16 14

Red Lion Sidbury15 13

Colcombe B16 12

Ship A14 6

Division Four

Pld Pts

Rising Sun A15 28

Axe Inn A17 23

Kings Arms A15 20

Heathfield A17 20

Honiton Con A15 15

Honiton WMC B16 15

Honiton Con Artists16 14

Seaton AFC B16 14

New Inn B16 13

Winstons17 13

Rising Sun B17 10

Tuckers Arms C17 8

Division Five

Pld Pts

Colcombe Nomads16 28

Colyton Club B15 26

Offwell Rejects17 22

Seaton Bowling16 20

Sidmouth Arms Kings16 20

Winstons Koots17 18

Dolphin B15 14

White Hart A15 12

Kingfisher B15 10

Heathfield B16 10

Honiton Con Raiders17 6

Tuckers Arms D15 4

Axminster

Div 1: Ax Con Rebels 290 (P

Pomeroy 53) Green Army

293 (J Lack 53), Sidmouth

Arms 364 (J Rich 69) Old

rard D 331 (M Facey 66) Red
Devils 363 (B Huntley 68),
Kingfisher Feds 321 (P
Squire 63) Lamb Spartans
300 (G Hayball 57).

Div 2: New Inn C 339 (A

Dawe, R Webb, B Johnson

64) WH Wilm A 341 (P Jef-

fery 64), Lamb A 316 (D New

ston, N Jones 60) New Inn

A 298 (M Williamson 58),

WH Warriors 354 (D Gam-

mon 65) Ax Inn Jokers 343

(A Churchill 73), Thorn-

combe A 379 (N Hawker 77)

Gerrard A 313 (G Richards,

J Richards 57), Cloakham

Stars 344 (B Ostler 68)

Wootton Sherberts 347 (D

Tolley 65), Tuckers Mag-

gots 361 (R Patch 69) Col-

combe A 369 (V Trivett 73).

Div 3: Old Inn Kilm B 369

(R Coombes 71) Kings

Arms Seaton 366 (J Mc-

Cabe 65), Colcombe B 398

(M Loud 75) Ax Inn B 432 (

R Summers 88), Ax FC A

382 (T Webber 80) King

Wingers 422 (L Brooker 78),

WH Wilm B 378 (T Welch

69) Ax FC Halfcuts 365 (J

Lucas 75), Ax Inn A 327 (S

Fifer 73) Ax FC IV 346 (J

Mitcham 64).

Div 4: Seaton BC 293 (T

Hurley-Smith 56) Ship Ro-

tary 300 (J Reaney 57), Col-

combe Nomads 365 (B

Sheddon 70) Tuckers Y 354

(R Burrough 62) New Inn

Hawks 330 (D Rowe 64)

Gerrard C 297 (B Fogarty

59), Kingfisher A 277 (K

Thomas 51) WH Colyford

295.

NB: Would all Captains

who have trophies from last

year please return them to

the Fixtures Secretary asap.

Division One

Pld Pts

Ax Con Club Rebels20 32

B & Gs20 28

Lamb Spartans20 28

Old Inn Kilminster A20 12

darts chard & district

Premier Division Pld	Pts	PAs		Pld	Pts
Rejects Return	10	184	Cult of Personality	11	94
High 4 & a Half	9	176	Pig Jockeys	10	86
Wanderers	9	128	Pirates	11	84
Crusaders	9	119	Nice Ricks	11	81
BDBs	9	119	Most 180s: S.Castle,		
Hobnobs	10	116	A.Sharp & M.Ballance all 2,		
Happy Sharks	9	99	14 players x1.		
Hopefuls	9	78			
Most 180s: P.Lawrence 57,			Division Two	Pld	Pts
L.Cox 6, S.Mainwaring 4,			HRT	10	126
S.Rutter 3, G.Knight, D.Her-			Madhouse Crew	10	112
bert, L.Roper, A.Hodges, D.			Happy Days	10	107
Cook & G.Hill all 2, 13 play-			Dizzy Tarts	10	104
ers 1.			Stumpy's Gang	9	100
			The Haymaker	10	70
Division One	Pld	Pts	No skill, just lucky	8	59
Okey Doaks	11	140	Two minute crew	9	55
Pop Darts	11	125	Most 180s: A.Pidgeon,		
Random Tossers	10	113	A.Mather, B.Allen, A.Sprake		
Down's	11	107	& K.Tovey all x1.		

angling seaton

Top haul for Hollie



■ **TOP CATCH:** Seaton Sea Angling Club member Hollie Dack (10) was awarded the Minnie Ward Trophy for the best fish caught by a Woman (in 2016) at the recent AGM and Presentation of the South West Federation of Sea Anglers (SWFSA), held in Sidmouth. Hollie's award winning catch was a 4lb 15oz Tub Gurnard landed in Lyme Bay last August which also saw her win the Fish of the Month, caught by a Junior. Pictured above Hollie receives the trophy from SWFSA chairman Bill Cassar.

snooker seaton & district

Orren ends Ward record

RESULTS (Feb 21st); Honiton WMC 1+4 Colyton ExCons 5+4, Chard Casuals 4+0 Sidmouth Cons 2+4, Colyton Feds 2+4 Honiton Wonderers 4+0.

The result of the week was at Colyton where the Feds took two frames from cur-

rent champions Wonderers, with the top individual result by Stuart Orren who inflicted the first defeat of the season on Graham Ward.

This leaves Ben Pike as the only player with a 100 per cent record so far this season.

League table	Pld	Pts	Bruce Miller Cup Pld	Pts	
Wonderers	13	71	Wonderers	13	71
Colyton TC	12	37	Chard Casuals	13	62
Chard Casuals	13	36	Sidmouth Cons	12	52
Colyton ExCons	12	34	Honiton WMC	13	48
Colyton Feds	12	28	Colyton Feds	12	46
Honiton WMC	13	26	Colyton TC	12	43
Sidmouth Cons	12	26	Colyton ExCons	12	42

darts crewkerne & district

Division One	Pld	Pts	Division Two	Pld	Pts
Hot Shots	15	121	Rosie's Rebels	11	74
Why	15	108	Who Knows	13	73
King Willy	13	92	The Dart Side	10	71
Jokers	13	77	The Professionals	11	71
Mighty Oaks	11	75	Double Trouble	12	67
Crusaders	14	68	The Bandits	11	66
Cats Eyes	13	54	Del Boys	11	56
Wafy Crankers	11	46	Pigs on Tour	8	47
Happy Hoopers	9	45	Globetrotters	10	30
Clubbers	12	43	Job Lot Crew	9	28
Madrid Reserves	12	30	Highest get out: J.Adams 145.		
Highest get out: L.Gosney 158.					

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starter's orders running news

Smith smashes 5k league record

Axe Valley Runners with Dave Mutter THE AXMINSTER WINTER 5K series record fell to Jake Smith who knocked a minute and a half off the previous best, winning in 16:52. A record 14 members ran with PBs from Chris Keefe and Luke Reed, plus a near PB from Garry Perratt.

The last races in the Seaton and Axminster series will be next month, after which an off-road summer series will begin at Trinity Hill near Axminster.

Meanwhile, Laura Kerr ran the ESCOTT 15K RESOLUTION RUN taking 1:36.

The 10 mile DALWOOD THREE HILLS CHALLENGE proved a happy hunting ground for AVR with Jake Smith winning in 1:10:14 followed by Ollie Cauter Second, 1:11:17 and Roy Brown of Maverick Runners third, 1:13:31.

Other AVR times were; Garry Perratt 1st M50, sev-

enth overall, 1:16:31; Matt Hewer 13th, 1:20:46; Rupert Paday 14th, 1:21:08; Oliver Rodger 17th, 1:22:31; Clare Hansford first F50, 29th overall, 1:28:02; Karen Eyre first F45, 40th overall, 1:33:05; Tony Smith 45th, 1:34:08; Eleanor Wood first F60, 50th overall, 1:36:24; James Ashforth 51st, 1:36:57; Steve Haines first M50, 54th overall, 1:38:38; Kelly Stamp 68th, 1:44:38; Pippa Wyatt 70th, 1:48:13; Andrew Hartnell 75th, 1:51:37; Andrew Sayers first M70, 77th overall, 1:53:37; Anders Larsson 79th, 1:53:51; Chris Hill 81st, 1:55:32; Yvette Hill 91st, 2:05:31.

Caitlin Smith was the winner of the three hills mini challenge taking 25:52 with Samantha Miller second, 33:43 and Madison Carter sixth, 38:45. AVR's Sam Eyre was the victor in the three hills fun run in 8:44.

HONITON RC with Judy Davey SEVERAL Club members

took part in the DALWOOD THREE HILLS CHALLENGE - a tough 10-mile multi-terrain race boasting four hills rather than the suggested three!

Alasdair Moffett was first back for Honiton coming 11th in 1 hour 19 minutes and 52 seconds. Hot on his heels was Adam Hennessey who finished just four seconds later. Chris Entwistle came back next finishing 15th in 1:21:14.

New member Nick Silkstone did himself and the club proud coming 25th in 1:27:10 on debut.

Rod Inglis continued his fine form to come 31st in 1:28:16 managing to gain the best age graded result of HRC. Steve Davey was next back coming 38th in 1:32:39.

Other results; Simon Spiller 44th in 1:34:07, Tim Wigram 52nd in 1:37:52, Judy Davey 55th in 1:38:47. There were 97 finishers.

Some club members took part in the Fun Run and first

back for Honiton was Max Spiller who finished 21st in 12 minutes 26 seconds. His sister Ella was only three places later in 13:40 just beating Ben Entwistle who was one place and 19 seconds later. Ben's brother Charlie finished 35th in 19:28. There were 39 finishers.

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

with Paul Masters Paul Masters clocked a time of 05:58:35 in the Ras Dewi Sant Coastal Path Marathon in St David in West Wales. Crossing the Finish Line for CRR's first was

Six members took on the Slay the Dragon 10k at Hinton St George. Result; Kenny Timson 00:41:04 and 2nd place next had Martin Holley sprinting for the line in 6th 00:43:19 with Adrian Male clocking 00:49:51, Emma Male 00:53:27, Helen Baxter 01:04:49 and Gary Wheaton 01:12:15.

scrum down chard rugby

with Glyn Hughes

Chard make leaders sweat

Chard 5 Weston-super-Mare 38 WITH several players expecting this to be a non-playing weekend Chard lost at least four regulars but this allowed others to take their chance and they did not disappoint as lowly Chard gave the unbeaten league leaders a run for their money.

Chard were hit with a severe blow after 10 minutes when prop Dave Biss suffered a suspected broken collar bone and was replaced by Ben Mainwaring.

Despite plenty of effort Chard did not help themselves with a number of basic errors which were punished by Weston. Chard got back into things when Taalib Johnson made a break down the narrow side and scored an unconverted try in the corner to leave Chard trailing 21-5 at the interval.

The Chard forwards gave Weston as good a contest up front as they have had from anyone this season and Ben Robinson, Liam Mustchin and Mainwaring were excellent in the front row.

Weston acknowledged after the game that Chard certainly did not play like a team in the lower reaches of the league.

SW Division One (Bottom)	Pld	Pts
Teignmouth	20	42
CHARD	20	22
Kingsbridge	20	20
Midsomer Norton	20	7

Chard 2nds 12 N.Petherton 2nds 5

Somerset Two South A GOOD crowd turned up to see this rearranged fixture played under lights on Friday night.

Chard started off well and were on top in the opening quarter but were unable to get on the score sheet.

The game had to be stopped for a few minutes when the referee was hit by the ball after a misdirected kick to touch. He seemed to recover and within a short

time Chard took the lead when hooker Joel Nicholls forced his way over. Cam Helliars missed the conversion and a few minutes later struck the posts with a penalty attempt.

Chard had the better of the first half but right on half time visiting full back Steven Potter crossed for an unconverted try to equal things up at 5-5.

Petherton had the better of things initially in the second half, but Chard defended well and eventually broke clear but winger Emile Szydelko was stopped close to the line. Chard recycled well and sent the ball out to Joe Mainwaring who scored in the corner. Helliars slotted the conversion to put Chard 12-5 ahead.

With 70 minute gone the referee appeared to collapse having apparently been struck accidentally by a visiting player. He was treated by the Chard medical team but the game was called off and with the result standing.

Crewkerne 28 Chard 3rd xv 24

Friendly CHARD III travelled over the hill to play Crewkerne in a friendly on Saturday in their first game since late January. Numbers were again good with the welcome return to Tom Jones and Tom Spurway to the squad.

Crewkerne were short of a few players and Chard's Gavin Smillie, Mick Duffy and Eric Singleton started for the home team in the true spirit of the game.

There was no score after 20 minutes but Chard were beginning to make some decent attacking moves and Connor Moon picked up and smashed through the defence scoring to the right of the posts, Kev George converted.

Crewkerne charged back up the hill and just before half time forced a mistake from Chard leading to a penalty just outside the 22. Taken by Jack Osborne it was

sent through the hands to prop Smillie who ran in to score against his own teammates to make the half time score 5-7

A swap of players took place at half time with Mike Summers donning a Crewkerne shirt and the game got underway with Chard this time looking dominant even against the slope.

Crewkerne did force another penalty in front of the posts and Olly Singleton slotted the ball to make it 8-7.

Chard worked up the pitch looking good in the simple phases but a loose pass saw an interception from Crewkerne's Liam Bushell on the half way line and he galloped all the way to score a try that was converted by Singleton.

Chard's heads dropped but a talking to by Captain Gavin Watts saw them come back strongly but with 25 minutes remaining Jamie Gosling intercepted another loose pass and scored under the posts to make it 21-7.

Crewkerne went on the attack from the kick-off and Luke Chant went over the line for another try for Crewkerne, again converted by Olly Singleton, to take the score to 28-7

Crewkerne were in the driving seat with Chard still struggling to get the basics together, but against the run of play Nathan Clap went over to make it 28-12.

Soon Chard were advancing again and it wasn't long before an excellent try from Tom Spurway was converted by George.

Chard now sensed a come back was possible and Keith Milton got the ball down to make it 28-24, but the comeback wasn't to be with a knock on bringing the game to the end. Men-of-the-Match were Jamie Gosling (Crewkerne) and Conner Moon (Chard).

Saturday's fixtures (all 2.30-pm ko)

Matson v Chard, Chard 2nds v Yeovil, Weston-super-Mare v Chard 3rds, Chard Colts v Frampton Cotterell

jack high bowls news and round-up

HONITON with Julie Grant

HONITON men reaped a rich reward when they beat MADEIRA 58-56 as they had lost by one in the away game. Top rink were John Mabbott, Barrie Singleton, Ken Clarke & Terry House 21-17.

The ladies travelled to AXMINSTER and were surprised to find a mixed team against them but still won 64-36, top rink Yvonne Williams, Di Hawkins, Berry Maynard & Heather Chambers 28-9. In the county Lane triples

Honiton ladies had a good 77-53 win over SIDMOUTH, top triple were Carole Pigeon, Carol Armitage & Tilly Tillier 29-6.

The weekend's mixed friendly saw Honiton beat Ottery St Mary 102-51, top rink Thelma Flynn, Fred Dart, captain Tony Williams & Gerry Stafrace 28-10.

Honiton ladies Heather Chambers, Julie Grant, Di Hawkins, Ann Brown, Shirley Hiscocks & Rosemary Hirons went to MID DEVON in the county semi finals and the

four of Ann Brown, Di Hawkins, Heather Chambers & Julie Grant won against an ISCA four 23-20.

Although Rosemary Hirons and Shirley Hiscocks lost their semi. They will be playing in the national Area 18 pairs final on March 18th.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ILMINSTER Ladies are through to the semi-final of the County Optika Cup with a home victory against TAUNTON DEANE B last week. Details: Pairs, Val Dar-

gue & Maureen Mitchell 12-29; Triples, Norma Pugh, Dot Whelan & Monica Woodland 18-11; Fours, Marilyn Anderson, Margaret Evans, Eileen Becky & June Checketts 26-21. On Sunday, visitors Stour Vale BC were beaten 73-49 in a three-rink mixed friendly. Details: Kevin Crouch, Arthur Callaghan John Mitchell & Maureen Mitchell 21-14; Val Dargue, Tony Bickle, Roy Orme & Dave Crouch 29-14; Steve Peasland, Norma Pugh, Dave Pugh & Kevin Hamilton 23-21.

crib round-up

HONITON

RESULTS: KO Cup - R1 (Feb 23rd) first leg - Blacksmith Arms 5 Feniton Soc A 3, Honiton Inn B HWO Honiton Inn A, New Fountain 6 Thirsty Farmer 2.

Fixtures Second leg (March 2nd); Feniton Soc A v Blacksmith Arms, Honiton Inn A v Honiton Inn B, Thirsty Farmer New Fountain.

LYME REGIS

RESULTS (Feb 20th); Talbot Arms 1 Nags Head 4, Gerrard Arms 1 Charlie's Angels 4, Lamb Swans 2 Stepps 3, New Inn Kilm B 3 Dolphin 2, Ax Con Club 3 New Inn Kilm A 2.

Beer League; Talbot Arms 3 Nags Head 0, Gerrard Arms 2 Charlie's Angels 1, Lamb Swans 1 Stepps 2, New Inn Kilm B 1 Dolphin 2, Ax Con Club 2 New Inn Kilm A 1.

Fixtures (March 6th); Stepps v New Inn Kilm A, Dolphin v Nags Head, Ship Inn LR v Charlie's Angels, New Inn Kilm B v Talbot Arms, Ax Con Club v Lamb Swans.

Table - Week 20	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	18	55
Gerrard Arms	19	55
Ship Inn, LR	18	48
Ax Con Club	18	47
New Inn Kilm A	18	47
Lamb Swans	19	46
Charlie's Angels	18	44
Dolphin, Beer	18	43
Talbot Arms	18	43
Stepps	18	41
New Inn Kilm B	18	31

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	18	32
Stepps	18	31
Lamb Swans	19	30
New Inn Kilm B	18	29
Gerrard Arms	19	28
Ax Con Club	18	27
Charlie's Angels	18	27
Talbot Arms	18	27
Dolphin, Beer	18	22
New Inn Kilm A	18	22
Ship Inn, LR	18	22

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Rob & Baz top

THE Barney's open was held between nine pairs at Hebditch and Dillington on Sunday. Rob Cox & Baz Morgan were the day's pairs champions with three points - Cox had the top weight at Hebditch's with 42lb 14oz of carp from peg 1 and Morgan was second at Dillington with 7lb 9oz from peg 14.

Adie Bishop & Rich Studley also had three points but ended in second place on weight, Bishop had the top weight at Dillington with 8lb 11oz and Studley was second at Hebditch's with 28lb 9oz. Justin Charles & Jamie Rich were third (6pts).

A total of £160 was raised for the Moorfields Eye Charity. In addition to the Hebditch family, the club would like to thank Steve & Cindy at the Royal Oak who are leaving the pub for their support over the years.

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■ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Di Rogers celebrated her 80th birthday with fellow members of Axe Cliff Golf Club last week. Pictured above, from left; Di Rogers, Pat Ayshford and Ladies captain Jo Donmall.



■ **FAB FEB:** Beer Albion have enjoyed a good February netting nine points from a possible 12 in the Devon & Exeter League Premier Division. Line-up, standing, from left: Luke Bartlett, Nathan Newbury, George Harwood, Mark Rooke, Shaun Denslow, Josh Moughton, Joe Adkin, Chris Long. Front: Andrew Foster, Richard Walker (Player-Manager), Jack Prior, Sam Phillips (Captain), Jacob Clode.
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